

Sunday Reflections

Sunday 29th March, 2020

This coming Sunday is the fifth Sunday of Lent and only a week until Palm Sunday.

This year will look a lot different than normal as we approach Easter. None of our churches are open, the public gatherings that were planned have been cancelled, and we'll be celebrating this period in our own homes. Let's just take a look at one of the bible passages for this Sunday, **John 11:1-45**.

It's essentially the story of Lazarus and his two sisters, and eventually Jesus. When Jesus got the message that Lazarus was very ill, Jesus stays where he is for two more days. The sisters knew that Jesus could heal so they'd be asking "Why doesn't he come?" Like them, we need to have faith in God's timing.

We need also to have faith in God's heart – he loves you and he loves me, and he grieves when we are not with him in spirit. God does not make us ill, and he didn't create this virus that has affected the whole world. God created us in his image – that is, as a perfect spirit, but people have messed up, so things are not perfect anymore. That doesn't change God's love for us, we need to trust his heart.

I do hope that you are praying more than ever before during this time, because if we are, then we are trusting in God's power. Faith is belief in action and God has the power if we put our faith in him. The secret is having that relationship with Jesus through which we can Trust God's timing Trust God's heart, and Trust God's power.

May you all find the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Blessings.

Rev. Elizabeth