

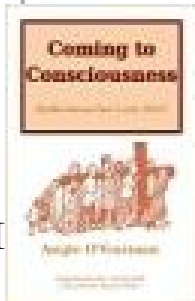
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

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In Ezekiel 37, we have the concept of resurrection in both its personal and communal sense and in its physical and spiritual sense. As I write, Lent is still a long way off. It is mid-October and the entombed coal miners in **This Sunday of Lent** are called back to life in a capsule narrow enough to carry one man at a time through a tunnel drilled half a mile into the earth. Each wears sunglasses as protection from the coming onslaught of light. And, from above, as the capsule nearly reaches the surface, an orange-clad worker leans down and yells the miner's name. "Esteban?" "Claudio?" "Renán?" When the miner calls back, the crowd too -- workers, families, community leaders -- chants his name and applauds, encouraging him to come from darkness back to light, from death back to life. Both the individual and community are resurrected. I cannot imagine hearing my name called from above, as the surface light begins to pierce the 70th day of my life in darkness. With what fierce determination I would call back, "Yes, here I am! It is me! I am alive!"



text of the readings

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