

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a
nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning
rescue me, for you, O God, are my
strength.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Behold the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel.

R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts.

R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!

I will be their God
and they shall be my people.

R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!

And for all their faults
I will grant forgiveness;
never more .

R: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own spirit Lord!

Priest: In the name of the Father and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God, and the Communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,

Striking your breast as you say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you,
Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same
charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to
death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

FIRST READING 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.

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See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you
not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness, paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the
wilderness
rivers in the wild
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125.R.v.3

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said:
"What marvels the Lord worked for
them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full
of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

3:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul
to the Philippians**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

ACCLAMATION Joel 2:12-13

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

**Now, now – it is the Lord who
speaks – come back to me with all
your heart, for I am all tenderness
and compassion.**

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**



GOSPEL

8:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus, "go away, and don't sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*(All bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

*The priest pours wine and a little water
into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.



Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this
day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

***Then the priest washes his hands, saying
quietly:***

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity;
and cleanse me from my sin.

— **STAND** —

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

PREFACE: I of Lent

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

It is truly right and just, our duty and
our salvation, always and everywhere
to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and
eternal God, through Christ our lord.
For by your gracious gift each year
your faithful await the sacred paschal
feasts with the joy of minds made
pure, so that, more eagerly intent on
prayer and on the works of charity,
and participating in the mysteries
by which they have been reborn,
they may be led to the fullness of
grace that you bestow on your sons
and daughters.

And so, with angels and archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of
heaven, we sing the hymn of your
glory, as without end we acclaim:



**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

— **KNEEL** —

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

***The Priest joins his hands and, holding them
extended over the offerings, says:***

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we
pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon
them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks,
broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT
OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was
ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND
DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY
BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The mystery of faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the
memorial of his Death and
Resurrection, we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of
salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us
worthy to be in your presence and
minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the
Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the
Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope,
N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s),
and all the clergy.
Remember also our brothers and
sisters who have fallen asleep in the
hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your
face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph,
her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles
and all the Saints who have pleased
you throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal
life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

***The Priest takes the chalice and the paten
with the host and, elevating both, he says:***

Through him, and with him, and in
him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

— **STAND** —

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and
unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in
the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world
grant us peace.**



The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood,

Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,

but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and
body, and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of
Christ.*

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it
to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 12:24

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a
grain of wheat falls to the ground
and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

COMMUNION HYMN

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Jesus, in this holy Communion
you have left me a memorial of your
passion and death.

For me you were lifted up from the
earth; for me you hung on the Cross.
You allowed this to happen in
obedience to your Father's will so that
you might draw me to yourself and
become for me the source of eternal
salvation. A pure heart create in me, O
God: put your law within me; write it on
my heart. O Jesus, make me yours for
ever and ever.

Teach me to look at things from your
point of view, not to be caught up
completely in the affairs of this life.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted
among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have
communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and
ever.

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Bow head for the blessing – short silence

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your
prompting, they desire
they may receive by your
generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit, come down on you and
remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of
the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace,
proclaiming news of happiness:**

*Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.*

**Ends of the earth, see
the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!**

**Before the nations,
he has bared his holy arm.**

*Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.
Our God reigns, Our God reigns.*

