

A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The priest prays, then all conclude the prayer:

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

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

A: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A: And also with you.

[**P:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make a sign of peace according to local custom.]

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

A: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion of Priest and People

Those now in communion with the Catholic Church share in the Eucharist. Anyone who is not a Catholic is still welcome to receive a sign of unity and support—a blessing—by approaching the front with arms crossed over your chest.

Communion Antiphon

To Jerusalem, that binds them together in unity, the tribes of the Lord go up to give him praise.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Go in the peace of Christ.

A: Thanks be to God.

A final hymn may be sung.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (or a Hymn may be sung)

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Introduction and Penitential Rite

The people are invited to approach the Mass 'with humble and contrite hearts' with these or similar words:

P: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

There is a pause for silent reflection. These or similar invocations may be used: the responses are always the same.

P: You were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

P: You plead for us at the right hand of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The priest says the absolution:

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

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

The priest says the prayer and the people give their assent to it:

A: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source
of eternal salvation.*

R: This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow
me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.**

Gospel

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

A: Glory to you, Lord.

*John 12:20-33 If a grain of wheat falls on the
ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

The gospel concludes:

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father. Through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven: All bow during these two lines:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incar-
nate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pi-
late; he suffered death and was buried. On the
third day he rose again 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. We believe in
the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the**

**Father and the Son he is worshipped and glori-
fied. He has spoken through the Prophets. We
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Each intercession is followed by a response such as:

R: Lord, in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer or**

R: Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

*There is a pause for silent prayer: the conclusion is
said by the priest, to which all reply: Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

*A hymn may be sung as the gifts are collected and
presented at the altar. When all is ready, the priest
says:*

P: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**A: 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 Church.**

*The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which
all reply:*

A: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The priest says the Preface: all join in the acclama-
tion:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

*The priest says the Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiv-
ing, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this
in memory of me'.*

The priest introduces and all then acclaim:

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in
glory.**

(or an alternative acclamation may be used)

*At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic
Prayer, all join in the Great Amen:*

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

A: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the
words our Saviour gave us: