

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER LITURGY

Opening Hymn "All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ
shall end divisions: All are welcome,
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's
children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as
symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are
welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat: a banquet hall on holy
ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time
and space; as we share in Christ the feast that free us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are
welcome in this place.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in spirit and in truth, so that by
following Your holy we will gain eternal salvation.

Response: Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

C: My dear brothers and sisters let us confess our sins to God and prepare ourselves that we may
worthily participate in this Holy Sacrifice. Please now make an examination of your conscience.

Confiteor

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault,
sinned against Your holy laws,
(*striking the breast three times*) in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed
to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in
Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper
holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all
the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

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

R: Amen.

C: May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you and, with His authority vested in me, I absolve you
from all your sins: in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

John 13: 34-35

C: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have
loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

R: This is how all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another. Alleluia.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy. R: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy. R: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. R: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYERS

Let us pray. [pause briefly] God of eternal love, You sent us Your only begotten Son as our Savior. Give us the grace to be true disciples, walking in the way of His commandments and loving each other as He loves us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R: Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 14: 21b-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. R:

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. R:

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations. R:

Second Reading

Revelations 21: 1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations.

John 13: 34

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

John 13: 33a,34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,

God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." "This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SACREMENT OF THE WORD OF GOD

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary here (*genuflect*) **AND BECAME MAN.** For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and Giver of Life Who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: God wills that there be a new heaven and a new earth. His new Jerusalem is being formed already, whenever the new commandment to “love on another” is put into action. As disciples of Christ, may our prayers for others extend that love.

L: Our response is “Lord hear our prayers”

L: For the Church, striving to give witness to the coming of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the human race constantly searching for harmony amidst war, hatred and terrorism, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For those who show their love for others demonstrating their Christian values, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For this community of faith, as we try to live out the love of Jesus in our midst, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For sacred vocations in our Church, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the gentle repose of the souls of those who have died, especially N., let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our Father, in raising your Son to glory, You promise us eternal splendor. As we bring our prayers to You in love, let our charity build the new Jerusalem. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY VERSE

No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us. Alleluia.

1 John 4: 12

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, the sacrifice of Your Son shows us the true essence of Your love. May these gifts we place before You, make us holy and lead us to eternal joy. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PREFACE-THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

We give thanks to You, God our Father, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Whom in these last days You have sent us as Savior, Redeemer and Messenger of Your will. He is Your Word, inseparable from You. Through Him You have made all things and in Him You were well pleased. You sent Him from heaven to a virgin's womb. There He dwelt and was made flesh. He was revealed as Your Son, born through the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin. When He suffered, He fulfilled Your will and gained for You a holy people. He stretched out His hands to free from suffering those who believed in You. When He was betrayed to His freely chosen suffering, thereby to destroy death, to break the chains of darkness, to crush hell beneath His feet, to give light to the just, to make a covenant and to manifest His resurrection. He took bread; He gave You thanks and said: **TAKE AND EAT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU.** In like manner He took the cup and said: **THIS IS MY BLOOD WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR YOU.** Whenever you do this, do it in memory of Me. Calling then His death and resurrection to mind, we offer You the Bread and the Cup. We thank You for allowing us to come before You and to serve You. We ask You to send Your Holy Spirit upon the offering of Your holy Church to gather all in unity. Grant to all who partake of these Holy Mysteries the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the strengthening of their faith in the truth. So, may we praise and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Holding the Sacred Host above the Chalice, he elevates them and says or sings:

Through Him may glory and honor be Yours, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, now and for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

C: Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

C: The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C: The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R: Because there is one Bread, we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C: May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

R: Amen.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at 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. Amen.

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

R: And also, with you.

C: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Give a nod or a wave of hand as a sign of peace

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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

C: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

The celebrant and congregation together say only once:

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

May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to the table of the Lord.

C: Lord, may I possess with a pure heart that which I have taken as food, and may the Gift I have received bring me healing and strength now and forever.

COMMUNION VERSE

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Alleluia.

Romans 13: 8

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. [pause briefly] Almighty Father, through the grace of this Holy Eucharist may we come to love one another, that all may know we are truly Your disciples. We ask this through our

Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITE

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: May the blessing of almighty God: the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit come upon you and remain with you forever.

R: Amen.

C: Lo, the sacrifice is offered, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: “They will know We are Christians By Our Love”

Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord
We are one in the spirit; we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored. R:

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
And together, we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. R:

We will work with each other; we will work side by side
We will work with each other; we will work side by side
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride. R:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. R:

