

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

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. Amen

Greetings and welcome.

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

Amen.

We acknowledge and confess our sins.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray.

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, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response to the Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Gospel

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice,

'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*bow*) born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen

Bidding Prayers

**Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the
Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

Offertory

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.

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**

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

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from your hands,
to 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.

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

Preface

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 as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend
and as eternal God raised him from the tomb,
just as, taking pity on the human race,
he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer II.

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

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.**

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 and Malcolm our Bishop, and all who serve your people.

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, 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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 Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

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.

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.

Farewell Blessing



(See overleaf for hymns)

Hymns

Entrance Hymn (96)

1 Abba, Father, send your Spirit,
Glory, Jesus Christ (*Repeat*)

Glory, hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ!

Glory hallelujah, glory, Jesus Christ!

2 I will give you living water
3 If you seek me you will find me....
4 If you listen you will hear me....
5 Come, my children, I will teach you....
6 I'm your shepherd, I will lead you...
7 Peace I leave you, peace I give you...
8 I'm your life and resurrection...
9 Glory, father, glory, Spirit...

Virginia Vissing

Offertory Hymn (641)

***Take our bread, we ask You,
take our hearts, we love You,
take our lives, oh Father,
we are Yours, we are Yours.***

Yours as we stand at the table You set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of Your life with us yet;
we are Yours, we are Yours.

Your holy people stand washed in Your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry, we await Your food.
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to
You: we are Yours, we are Yours.

Communion Hymn

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
His Word, to be our treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The sacrifice our Saviour
The wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many souls to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Recessional Hymn (120)

1 All over the world the Spirit is moving,
all over the world,
as the prophets said it would be,
All over the world there's a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.

2 All over this land the Spirit is moving...

3 All over the Church the Spirit is moving...

4 All over us all the Spirit is moving...

5 Deep down in my heart the Spirit is
moving....

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