

**ENTRANCE ANTIPOH** 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**

**21st March 2021**

***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** 31:31-34

**A reading from the prophet  
Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming — it is  
the Lord who speaks — when I will  
make a new covenant with the  
House of Israel and the House of  
Judah, but not a covenant like the  
one I made with their ancestors on  
the day I took them by the hand to  
bring them out of the land of Egypt.  
They broke that covenant of mine.

so I had to show them who was  
master. It is the Lord who speaks.  
No, this is the covenant I will make  
with the House of Israel when those  
days arrive — it is the Lord who  
speaks. Deep within them I will  
plant my Law, writing it on their  
hearts. Then I will be their God and  
they shall be my people. There will  
be no further need for neighbour to  
try to teach neighbour, or brother to  
say to brother, “Learn to know the  
Lord!” No, they will all know me, the  
least no less than the greatest — it is  
the Lord who speaks — since I will  
forgive their iniquity and never call  
their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 50:3-4.12-15R.v.12**

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

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. 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. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

5:7-9

**A reading from the letter of the  
Hebrews**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

— STAND —

**ACCLAMATION Jn 12:26**

**Glory to you, O Christ,  
You are the word of God  
If a man serves me, says the Lord,  
he must follow me,  
wherever I am,  
my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you, O Christ,  
You are the word of God.**



If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?  
but it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said,

"It was an angel speaking to him." Jesus answered, "It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

"Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown, And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself."

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL**

12:20-30

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, "Sir, we should like to see Jesus."

Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

"Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain: but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too."

(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.**



— 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,

**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.**

**EUCARISTIC 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.**

#### KNEEL

*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.

#### STAND

#### 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.**

#### RECESSATIONAL 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.*

