

Fifth Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **78** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive ✠ you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*
Christe, eleïson. (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*
Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year C

FIRST READING *Isa 43.16–21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 126*

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us;
indeed we were glad. *(All repeat)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with songs of joy. *R.*

Then said they among the nations,
‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. *R.*

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy. *R.*

Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
shouldering their sheaves. *R.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN— **88**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Via Crucis

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the money-bag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the 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*) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*all rise*) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:
V. Lord, hear us. R. Lord, graciously hear us.
or V. Lord, in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:
V. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions may end:
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— 86

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.
Pray, my 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 Church.

Hear our prayers, almighty God, and grant to us your servants, whom you have enlightened with the faith of Christ, that the grace of this sacrifice may purify our hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.
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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are * the Saviour of the world. (* repeat)

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. Amen.

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces 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.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **82**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **379**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

∇. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℣. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among 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.

∇. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℣. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∇. And the Word was made flesh:

℣. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∇. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℣. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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