

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me,
Father, let me call Thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to Thee.
*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain;
All my sins, I now detest them,
Never will I sin again.*
2. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
On the cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd Him,
Yet He bleeds and dies for me.
3. By my sins I have abandoned
Right and claim to heaven above,
Where the Saints rejoice forever.
In a boundless sea of love.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34
I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-4.12-15. R) 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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9
He learnt to obey and became the source of eternal salvation.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 12:26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. *Praise to you...*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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. 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.

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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; (*All bow*) 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. O cross erected above the world
Cross of our Saviour King! (*twice*)
Fount from which gushed the waters
Straight from the wound in His side
Filling our lives with His gift of grace
Cross of our Saviour King
2. O cross, Thou channel of grace divine
Cross of our Saviour King! (*twice*)
Tree on which death was conquered
Thou the first altar of love
Jesus, the Lamb gave His Life on thee,
Cross of our Saviour King!
3. O cross sublime and refulgent tree,
Cross of our Saviour King! (*twice*)
Jesus through thee has saved us,
Great was the price that He paid
Thou art the folly of love divine,
Cross of our Saviour King!

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Behold, behold the wood of the cross
On which is hung our salvation/ O come, let us
adore*

1. Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
Upon the ground and die
It shall remain but a single grain
And not give life
2. And when my hour of glory comes
As all was meant to be
You will see me lifted up / Upon a tree
3. For there can be no greater love
Shown upon this land,
Than in the one who came to die/ That we
might live.
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1. Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
that we to judge you have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon  
you?  
alas, my treason, Jesus, has undone you;  
'Twas, I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;  
I crucified you.
3. Lo, the good shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave has sinned, and the Son has  
suffered;  
for our atonement, we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,  
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,  
your death of anguish and your bitter passion,  
for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,  
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,  
think of your pity and your love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most-  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.  
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1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross: let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
And calmly ev'ry danger brave:
It guides you to a better home
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

RECESSIONAL (tune: All people that on earth)

1. Christ, in whose passion once was sown
All virtue of the saints to be,
In the white field of these your own
We both the seed and sower see.
2. Yours was the first and holiest grain
To die and quicken and increase;
And then came these, for your sake slain;
That spring and harvest should not cease.
3. From you the martyrs, we from those,
Each in your graces measure, spring;
Their strength upon our weakness flows
And guides us to the goal we sing.
4. These were your great ones: we, your least,
One in desire and faith with them.
Called by one Lord to keep one feast,
Journey to one Jerusalem.
5. To God the Father, harvests Lord,
To Christ, for whom the martyrs die,
To Paraclete, their strength and sword,
Be praise in all eternity.