The priest gives praise to God and all 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.

After the Consecration we acclaim the mystery of faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup. we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Save us. Saviour of the world. for by your Cross and Resurrection vou have set us free.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.

The Communion Rite

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...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

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.

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord. I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

communion...

May almighty God bless you. Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:

Thanks be to God.



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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest

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

People Amen.

The priest greets the people in one of these ways:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God. and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

One of the following acts of penance is now made:

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.

(all strike their breast and 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.

Have mercy on us. O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us. O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Kvrie, eleison, Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

After the absolution all respond:

Amen.

The 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... Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army. which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed,

even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

Psalm Psalm 125

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

- 2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
 - the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.
- They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have

accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect vet: I have not vet won, but I am still running. trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure vou my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come: I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil so that you may live,

and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

or

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 8:1-11

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said. "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus "go away, and don't sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on 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 will 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.

The bidding prayers now follow: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people acclaim each time:

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

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... Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.