

Fifth Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

In baptism we die with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we may walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You are the High Priest of the new Covenant.
Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

You build us as living stones in the temple of God.

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

You make us fellow-citizens with your saints.
Lord, have mercy.
℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Acts 8.27-39

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

There was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the

good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 22

℟. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. (*All repeat*)

My praise is of the Lord in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of his people.

The poor shall eat and be filled, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him. ℟.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord; the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over all the nations. ℟.

My soul shall live for him, my children shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 4.7-19

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we

also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15.4,5

Alleluia, alleluia.

Abide in me as I abide in you: he who abides in me bears much fruit.

℟. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 15.1-8

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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears

much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOLY TRINITY *Turn to the BAPTISM card.*

ALL SAINTS

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:

✠. Lord, hear us. ✠. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ✠. Lord, in your mercy, ✠. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

✠. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;
✠. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions 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.

HOLY TRINITY *The service resumes here.*

All may sit for the OFFERTORY. The priest may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

All stand for 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.

Through this holy sacrifice, Lord, you have enabled us to share in your own divine love. You have taught us your truth: grant us the grace to live by it; 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:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.**
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 said.
**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.
Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.
Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the
way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk
in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share
his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING.
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.**

HOLY TRINITY *The newly baptized are given
a candle, lit from the Paschal Candle.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of
darkness and has given us a place with the
saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ; walk in
this light all the days of your life.
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of
God the Father.**

The priest gives the DISMISSAL.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.
**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.**
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

∩. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought
joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that
through the intercession of his mother the
Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of
eternal life; through the same Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**