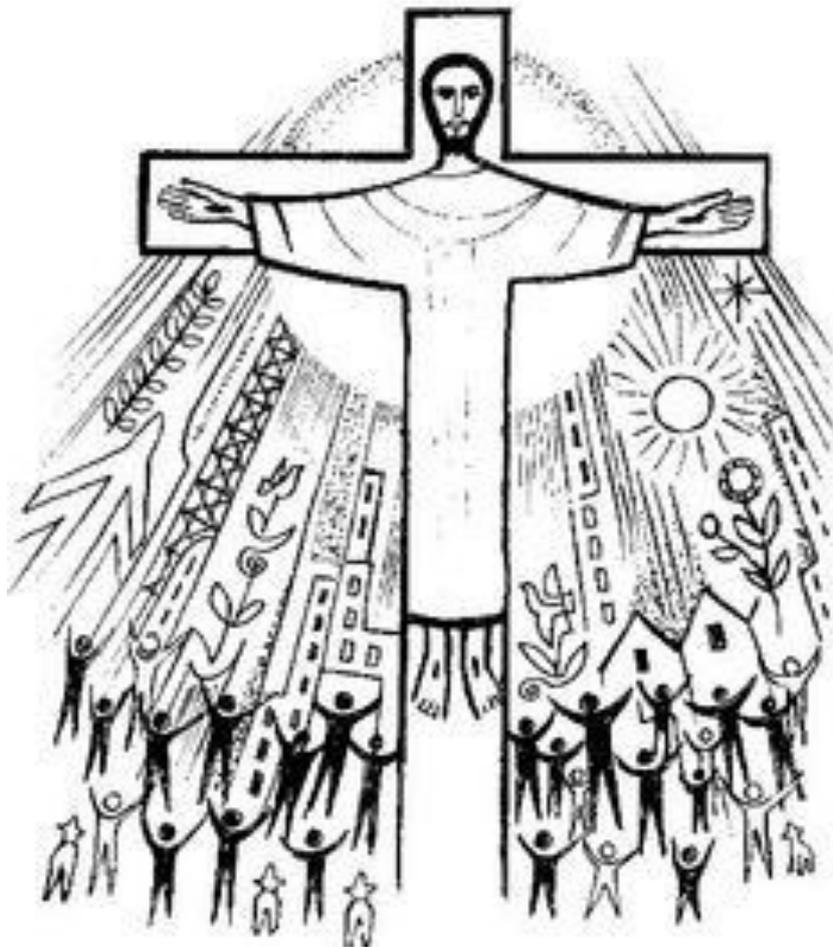


Sunday Prayer at Home

Fifth Sunday of LENT

Year B



Introduction and Act of Repentance

In today's Gospel Jesus shows us the value of love and sacrifice as we journey towards the kingdom of God

Penitential Act:

As we prepare to celebrate God's love for us today, let us bring all our failures and weakness before the Lord, the source of eternal salvation

Lord, you write your law of love upon our hearts

Lord, have mercy

Lord, You are the source of our salvation, Christ have mercy

Lord, you are our way to the Father. Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer

Let us pray

Lord, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever

All: Amen

Reader: A reading from prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34)

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity

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.

All: Thanks be to God

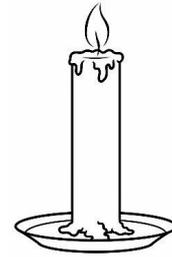
Responsorial Psalm

All:

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.

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.

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



Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Heb 5:7-9)

He learnt to obey and became for all 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

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (Jn 12:20-33)

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 word of God

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: Let us come before God our Father in faith and hope, asking him to listen to our needs and those of our suffering world

Reader:

We pray for our Church: that the Pope, our bishops, priests and all of God's people may be given strength to live their Christian lives more fully. Lord hear us

We pray for all who will be received into the Church this Easter: may we as community of faith offer them the support and encouragement they need to grow closer to Christ. Lord hear us

We pray for our children who are receiving their Sacrament of First Communion this weekend: may their faith nurtured and grow as they joined us at the table of Christ. Lord hear us

We pray for the people of Myanmar, Yemen and other countries at war, that they may find comfort, strength, and guidance in their struggle for justice, and peace. Lord hear us.

We pray for all who suffer or feel rejected, or who are wounded in body, mind or spirit: may the example of Christ's acceptance of suffering help them to find comfort in their uncertainties and struggles. Lord hear us

We pray for those facing loss of any kind: may we listen to their pain, support them in their anxieties and offer them hope and love in their need. Lord hear us

We pray for all who have died: may they find rest in God's peace and joy in the promise of eternal life. Lord hear us

Parish Prayer

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit. Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge! Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Presider:

Father, in your compassion and love accept our prayers and grant us what we need, through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
From all harm protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted
the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we
communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever



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All: Amen

CONCLUSION

Presider:

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

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