

## Order for Liturgy of the Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**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.

Cf. Ps 43(42):1-2

**Greeting:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen  
Sisters and Brothers, God invites us to hear his Word. Let us bless him for his goodness.  
Blessed be God forever.

**Response:** Blessed be God forever.

**Introduction:** We gather to day to celebrate the Lord's Day. One with our sisters and brothers and with the entire Church, we will listen to God's Word and join in prayer.  
As we prepare to hear of God's love in Christ, let us acknowledge that the Lord is the source of pardon and strength.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father, Lord, have mercy.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

**Response:** Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father, Lord, have mercy.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray:

**Opening Prayer:** 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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For scriptural readings go to: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) or cut and paste:

<http://cms.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

First reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second reading

**Gospel acclamation:** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel

**Profession of Faith:**

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,  
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 for-  
giveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Faithful

**Introduction:** God has conquered death. We therefore turn to him with confidence to pray for the church and the world.

**Intentions:** With deep concern in this time of the Coronavirus: we pray for the recovery of those infected, for the safety of those caring for them, and for those engaged in research; we pray to the Lord

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

With compassion for those vulnerable to the virus; for those who are highly anxious and for those who are now isolated from family and loved ones, we pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

In solidarity with those facing a financial crisis: for those whose employment has ceased, for small businesses which are facing unprecedented challenges at this time, we pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us who, at this time are deprived of the Eucharist but finding him in the Scriptures; in unity of faith, sustain our hope; we pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

With trust in the mercy of God, we pray for all who have died.

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Prayer:** Lord, you always hear the cry of your people, stand close now to all of us in these anxious times and awaken in the hearts of all: kindness, concern and compassion. This we prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

In the love of Christ, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father, Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. "You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins". In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.

**Blessing—making the sign of the cross:**

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Response:** Amen.

Let us go in peace.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.