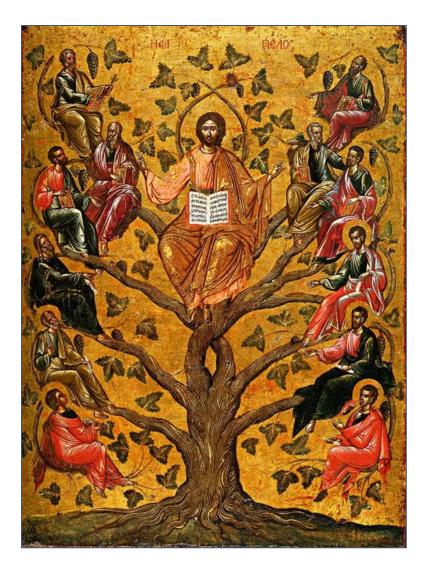
## Fifth Sunday of Easter



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

(Cycle B)

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Opening Hymn**

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Again (Verses 1-3)



## Greeting

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### R. Amen.

V. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

## R. And also with you.

## PENITENTIAL RITE (C2 de Angelis)

## Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

V To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

#### Pause for silent reflection

V Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:



V You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:



V You will come in glory with salvation for your people:



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

#### R Amen.

## Gloria





Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa-tris. A- men.

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.

## **Opening Prayer**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed to the nations your saving power and filled all ages with the words of a new song. Hear the echo of this hymn. Give us voice to sing your praise throughout this season of joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **Reading 1** (Acts 9:26-31)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him,

and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.

He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,

but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

## R. Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32)



I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

## **R**. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

## R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

## R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

## R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

## **Reading 2** (1 Jn 3:18-24)

A reading from the first letter of John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

#### V. This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **R**. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (Jn 15:4a, 5b)



Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.



#### Gospel (Jn 15:1-8)

V. The Lord be with you.

## R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

## R. Glory to you Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine.

so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,

because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

- V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



## Homily

#### 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, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

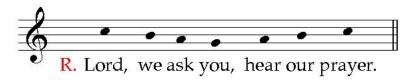
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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

#### **General Intercessions**

The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."



The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."

#### R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Offering of the Gifts

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

#### R. Blessed be God for ever.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

#### R. Blessed be God for ever.

#### Prayer over the Gifts

V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

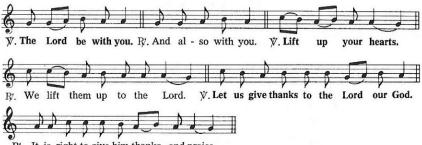
## R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts you whare with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

#### R. Amen.

## Preface and Sanctus (Easter IV)



Ry. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

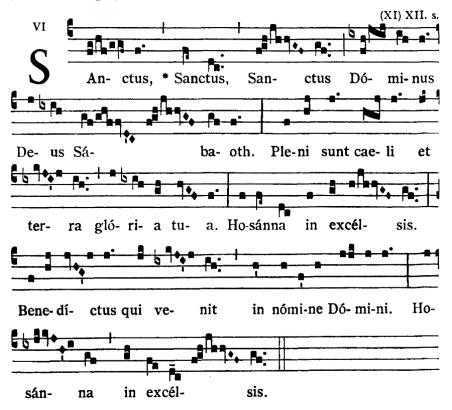
We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

In him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed, and mankind is once again made whole.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface. At the conclusion, we sing or say:

(Sanctus VIII De Angelis)



## **Eucharistic Prayer (III)**

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



## The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



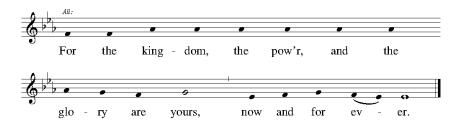
#### COMMUNION LITURGY

## The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



 $\mathring{V}$ . Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



## **Exchange of Peace**

V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

#### R. Amen.

V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

## R. And also with you.

V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



V. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

# R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

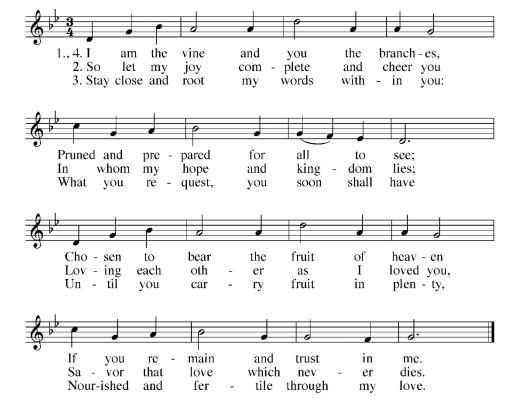
To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

## R. Amen.

#### **Communion Meditation**

## I Am the Vine and You the Branches



## **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Father, may these mysteries give us new purpose and bring us to a new life in you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

#### R. Amen.

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

## Prayer over the People (13)

V. The Lord be with you.

## R. And also with you.

V. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,

help your people to seek you with all their hearts and to deserve what you promise

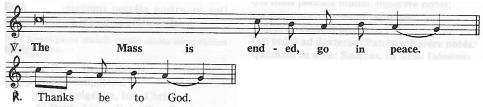
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

## R. Amen.

V. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you forever.

## R. Amen.

## Dismissal



## **Closing Hymn**

# Christians Let Us Love One Another (Verses 4-6)

