

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

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

*The people reply:* **And with your spirit.**

(...)

**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,  
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.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

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

*All:* Amen.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

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Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

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

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.

## Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*All: Amen.*

## FIRST READING (Sirach 15:15-20)

### A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 118(119)

**Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!  
With all their hearts they seek him.

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept.  
May my ways be firm  
in keeping your statutes.

Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.  
Open my eyes, that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,  
and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
and observe it wholeheartedly.

### SECOND READING (1 Cor 2:6–10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who love him’ —  
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God*

## Gospel Acclamation (cf. Mt 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL (Matthew 5:17–37)

*The Priest, says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest:*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*The people reply:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then

come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.” But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply “Yes” or “No”; anything more than this comes from evil.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

The Creed

**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,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
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 forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Offertory

*The Priest says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*The people reply:*

**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**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse and renew us  
and may it become for those who do your will  
the source of eternal reward.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**The Eucharist Prayer**

*The Priest says:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest, raising his hands, continues:*

Lift up your hearts.

*The people:*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*The Priest, with hands extended, adds:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*The people:*

**It is right and just.**

(...)

**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.**

(...)

*The Priest says:* The mystery of faith.

*The people:*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

### **The Communion Rite**

*The Priest says:*  
At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All:*  
**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.**

*The Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

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

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*The people reply: Amen.*

*The Priest adds: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

*The people reply: And with your spirit.*

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:*

**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.**

*The Priest genuflects, takes the host and says aloud:*

**Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*All say:*

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

#### [Prayer after Communion](#)

*The Priest:*

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may always long  
for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*All reply: Amen.*

#### [Blessing](#)

*The Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*All: And with your spirit.*

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.  
*All: Amen.*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*All: Thanks be to God.*