

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

INTRODUCTORY RITE

After you gather as a family, you could begin with an optional hymn or a more extended time of praise. Then all stand for the greeting by the leader/head of household.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All reply: Amen

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the Lord invites us to his table to share in the body of Christ: bless him for his goodness.

All reply: Blessed be God forever.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The penitential rite follows, and the leader invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

Leader: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration; let us call to mind our sins.

A brief pause for silence follows.

All reply:

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,

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

(then they continue)

therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,

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and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st READING

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went down to the city of Samaria
and proclaimed the Christ to them.

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,
who went down and prayed for them,
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Psalmist: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Psalmist: "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
sing praise to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Psalmist: He has changed the sea into dry land;
through the river they passed on foot;
therefore let us rejoice in him.
He rules by his might forever.

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Psalmist: Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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2ND READING

Reader: A reading from the 1st letter of Peter

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
but do it with gentleness and reverence,
keeping your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

All stand.

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

*All sign their forehead, lips, and heart and pray silently; "May the Lord be on my mind,
on my lips, and in my heart."*

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Leader: Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,

and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father

and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them

is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Pause for silent reflection

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: God is our stronghold and our refuge. Let us pray to this loving Father for all our needs.

At this point, the leader and/or family members may lift up any prayers of petition. It is always good to pray for our leaders in the Church and the government, your own family needs, those who are sick, and for those who have died. Please add any other intentions as well.

Leader: Father, you search our hearts and discern our needs, before we ask. In your mercy, hear our prayer, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, you enlighten everyone who comes into this world; illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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

All: Amen