

## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER < B

April 27-28, 2024

### In Communion with the Saints

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, (with Saint N: *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

### Intercessions: For the Church

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

### For the Dead

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

### Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.  
**Amen**

### Communion Rite

**STAND**

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Priest:*  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant us 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

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

### Sign Of Peace

*Priest* : 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.

*People* : **Amen**

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

*People* : **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

### Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace.*

### Invitation To Communion

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : 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.

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

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

### Communion

*Prayer after Communion [New Life]* **STAND**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O  
Lord, and lead those you have imbued with  
heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to  
newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

Our Lord told us today:  
"Remain in me, as I remain in you."  
Yes, let us stay in his love  
and do the things of everyday life  
in union with him  
and let us take him to the people  
by our concern and love.

And may almighty God bless you for this:  
the Father who loves us,  
the Son who lives in us,  
✠ and the Holy Spirit who guides us. **Amen.**

Go in peace, stay united with Christ,  
and bear fruits that last.

**R/ Thanks be to God**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT. [Wonder of the Lord]**

***O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked  
wonders; in the sight of the nations he has  
shown his deliverance, alleluia.***

### Penitential Act

Too often we have not been close to the Lord  
Jesus; we have been like broken-off branches  
with little or no life in us.

We now seek forgiveness from our Lord:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, you are the vine.  
We are the branches that draw their life from you.  
Let this life be overflow!

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you are the vine.  
Cut off from you we are lifeless.  
Remove from us all deadly sin.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the vine.  
Let the sap of your love and life  
stream richly in us and unite us in You.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
forgive us all our sins  
and keep us one with you always.  
Lead us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect [Much Fruit]**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish  
the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were  
pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under  
your protective care, bear much fruit and come to  
the joys of life eternal.

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. **R/ Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading Acts 9:26-31 [Paul's Conversion]**

*Because of Paul's earlier reputation, the Christians  
were fearful of him. He was then accepted and began  
to spread the message of the gospel.*

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.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 [Praise God]**

**R./ I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of  
your people.  
or Alleluia.**

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.)**

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.)**

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

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.)**

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24 [Love in Action]**

*Christians are to love in deed and in truth. A clear  
conscience is proof of God's favor. To keep the  
commandments is to please God.*

A reading from the first letter of Saint 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 commandments 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.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** Jn 15:4a, 5b [*Indwelling*] **STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Gospel** Jn 15:1-8 [*Vine and the Branches*]

*Jesus compared himself to the vine and the branches, Whoever is united to Jesus will do good and be rewarded. But anyone who does not live in Jesus will wither like a cut-off vine.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R/ Glory to you, O 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."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

Loving Father, may we remain in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as branches on the vine to bear much fruit, we now pray:

*(Pause)*

For the vine of the universal Church, that all its faithful may remain united in Christ, live by His truth and disseminate his compassion, to bear the witness of God's divine love. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

For children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion: that the gift of the Holy Eucharist will nurture their spiritual growth and draw them to greater understanding of the mystery of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

For Vine growers and farmers, with the grace of God, that their toil will be fruitful and reap abundant harvest to bring prosperity and well being to the people. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

For those who have cut themselves off from the Church, and their faith has withered like a flickering flame: may God's grace keep them in the Christian community to lead them back to Christ. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

For Christian husbands and wives to be united in Jesus, to endeavor to lead holy family lives that bear much fruit for the next generations to come; and to collaborate with all the people of God to strengthen the body of Christ. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace that Your words remain in us, that we may bear abundant fruit, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Graciously hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray: **Graciously hear us, Lord.**

Loving Father, your Son taught us, that we the branches and He, the vine in which we live and remain: may You, the vine grower continue to prune us and make us bear fruits that last. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest** : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People** : **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**  
*[Guided by God's Truth]*

**STAND**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface II of Easter**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Through him the children of light rise to eternal life and the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No.3**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest* : The mystery of faith.

*All* : **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.