

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER < B

May 1-2, 2021

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 overflowed!

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

Jesus Christ, you are the vine.
Cut off from you we are lifeless.
Remove from us all deadly sins.
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,
one 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

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.

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.

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

Oratio Imperata

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."
Let us stay in his love
and do the things of our everyday life
in union with him

and let us take him to the people
by our concern and love. **Amen.**

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

of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

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 unflinching 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.

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.

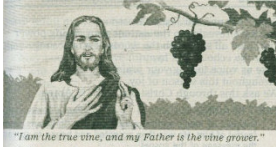
Alleluia Jn 15:4a, 5b **[Indwelling]**

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 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 Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Graciously hear us, Lord.

We pray for the 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. **R/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 death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood.