

# 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER < A

May 2 - 3, 2026

giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

## Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

## Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy

## For the Departed Souls

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

## In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

## 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

## Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

## Reception of 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**

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed you and made you his children. May he bless you with the Spirit of truth. **R/ Amen.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Lets us go in the Spirit of Christ.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

## Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT. [Wonders 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

Even though we knew the way to God and to people, we still chose to go our selfish ways. We now ask the Lord to forgive and to correct us:  
(pause)

Lord Jesus, you were always on the way to people. Take us along with you on that road: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you went your painful way of the cross. Give us the courage to follow you. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you are our only way to the Father: Take us along with you on that road: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, forgive us and keep us from perilous roads. Lead us to the way of 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 6:1-7**

**[Spiritual and Material Tasks]**

*Since the number of faithful was growing, seven men were proposed as ministers to help in the work of the Church. The apostles prayed over them and imposed hands on them.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33 [Exult in the Lord]**

**R./ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Or. Alleluia.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. **(R.)**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **(R.)**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9**

**[A Royal Priesthood]**

*Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church. The people of God are living stones. We are a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to proclaim Jesus' good works.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God

through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

*Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,  
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to  
shame.*

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but  
for those without faith:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,*

and

*A stone that will make people stumble,  
and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their  
destiny.

You are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a  
holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may  
announce the praises” of him who called you out of  
darkness into his wonderful light.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Jn 14:6 [Christ the Way]**

**STAND**

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



*“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”*

**Gospel Jn 14:1-12**

**[Faith in God]**

*Jesus assures his apostles that he is the way, the  
truth, and the life. The Father lives in him and he in  
the Father. Whoever has faith in Jesus will do the  
works of God.*

**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: “Do not let your hearts  
be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also  
in me. In my Father’s house there are many  
dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told  
you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And  
if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back  
again and take you to myself, so that where I am  
you also may be. Where I am going you know the  
way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not  
know where you are going; how can we know the  
way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the  
truth and the life. No one comes to the Father  
except through me. If you know me, then you will  
also know my Father. From now on you do know  
him and have seen him.” Philip said to him,

“Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough  
for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you  
for so long a time and you still do not know me,  
Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.  
How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you  
not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is  
in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak  
on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing  
his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and  
the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the  
works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,  
and will do greater ones than these, because I am  
going to the Father.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

God has called us out of darkness and into his  
wonderful light. Counting on the Father’s  
boundless mercy, we now pray:

*(pause)*

For the Church: that all members of the Church  
may be strengthened in holiness and truth, and  
believe that Christ is the way, the truth and the life  
that lead us to the Father. And so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the World: that divisions will be healed, violence  
will cease, and the peace and justice of God’s  
Kingdom will reign in every nation on earth. And  
so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of all nations: that our Lord may  
show them the grace of wisdom, tenacity,  
perseverance, and understanding, in overcoming  
economic challenges affecting the livelihood of the  
peoples. And so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the youths in search of their vocations: that  
Jesus may show them the way and for them to  
hear His call to the vocation of the priesthood and  
to the consecrated life. And so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

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  
to be united with You and to be Your Light to the  
nations. And so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

*(Pause)*

And so we pray:

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, your Son taught us that he is the  
way, the truth and the life. Fill us with confidence,  
and may your grace always remain in us. 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 V 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.

By the oblation of his Body,  
he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment  
in the reality of the Cross  
and, by commending himself to you for our  
salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar,  
and the Lamb of sacrifice.

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.2**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the  
dewfall, so that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Lord’s Supper**

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly  
into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks,  
broke it, 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, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it 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, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death  
and Resurrection, we offer you Lord,  
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,