

# THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

English Standard Version

5th Sunday of Easter (A)

3rd May 2026

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn *Stand*

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

**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.**

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:*  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Priest greets everyone present.  
The people respond: **And with your spirit.**  
The Mass of the day may be introduced.*

### Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance  
using one of the Penitential Acts.*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all  
people to yourself:

Lord, have mercy. *Or: Kyrie, eleison.*

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our  
sufferings and sinfulness:

Christ, have mercy. *Or: Christe, eleison.*

**Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

You open for your people the way from death  
into life:

Lord, have mercy. *Or: Kyrie, eleison.*

**Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

*The Priest says the absolution:*

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

### Gloria

**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, 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

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.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing  
in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose  
against the Hebrews because their widows were  
being neglected in the daily distribution. And the  
Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples  
and said, 'It is not right that we should give up  
preaching the word of God to serve tables.  
Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from  
among you seven men of good repute, full of the  
Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to  
this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer  
and to the ministry of the word.' And what they  
said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose  
Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,  
and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and  
Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte  
of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles,  
and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase,  
and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly  
in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests  
became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R.22

**R. May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O LORD.**

*or: Alleluia.*

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;  
for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

**R.**

The word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The LORD loves justice and right,  
and his merciful love fills the earth.

**R.**

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**R.**

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.  
1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone  
rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen  
and precious. You yourselves like living stones  
are being built up as a spiritual house, to be  
a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it  
stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion  
a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to  
shame.' So the honour is for you who believe,  
but for those who do not believe, 'The stone  
that the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a  
rock of offence.' They stumble because they  
disobey the word, as they were destined to do.  
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,  
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his  
marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Acclamation before the Gospel** *Stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia.** John 14:6  
**I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord.**

**No one comes to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

John 14:1-12

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let  
not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;  
believe also in me. In my Father's house are  
many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told  
you that I go to prepare a place for you? And  
if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come  
again and will take you to myself, that where I  
am you may be also. And you know the way to  
where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord,  
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 had  
known me, you would have known my Father  
also. From now on you do know him and have  
seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father,  
and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him,  
'Have I been with you so long, 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  
say to you I do not speak on my own authority,  
but the Father who dwells in me does his works.  
Believe me that I am in the Father and the  
Father is in me, or else believe on account of  
the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in  
me will also do the works that I do; and greater  
works than these will he do, because I am going  
to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Homily**

*Sit*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Stand*

**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,**

*and by the Holy Spirit* *All bow*  
*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.

*Or:*

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the* *All bow*  
*Holy Spirit,*  
*born of the Virgin Mary,*  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayer of the Faithful*

*Response example:* Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.

*After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit*

*THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*

*The offerings are brought to the altar.*  
*A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two*  
*prayers of offering aloud, the response both*  
*times is:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The people rise as 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*

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*

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.**

*The Priest continues with the Preface and*  
*concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*

**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.** *Kneel*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Priest says:*

The mystery of faith.

*And the people continue, acclaiming one of the*  
*following:*

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

*Or:*

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

*Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer  
saying alone:*

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

*The people acclaim: Amen.*

The Communion Rite

Stand

*The Priest invites all to join in 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.**

*The Priest continues alone:*

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.

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

*The Priest says:*

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.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The Priest takes the host and breaks it.*

*Meanwhile the people say or sing:*

**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.**

*Kneel*

*The Priest shows the host to the people and says:*  
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.

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

*The Priest or other minister says to each  
communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

*Each communicant answers: Amen.*

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

**I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a  
sacred silence may be observed or a psalm,  
hymn or canticle of praise may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion

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.

**Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Announcements may be made.*

*Then:*

*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.  
**Amen.**

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:*

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



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