

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR C

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked, rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Entrance Hymn

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.
*I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*
2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I want to follow Thee.
Lose my life that I may save it,
through thy cross gain victory.



Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

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

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Father,
help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

43:16–21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. *℟* v. 3

℟ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *℟*
2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *℟*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *℟*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *℟*

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

3:8–14

Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Amos 5:14

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

8:1–11

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus "go away, and don't sin any more."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

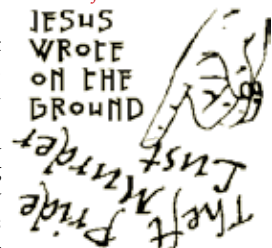
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*all bow*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. Look upon our offerings,
look within our hearts.
Lord accept our everything,
make us one with you.
*Here in this Mass Lord,
we find our giving,
then in our lives, Lord,
you'll go on living.*
2. What have we to offer you,
Lord of heaven and earth?
Lord accept our nothingness,
make us one with you.

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** 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 Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Almighty God,
may the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** 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.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you? The woman answered: No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again.

Communion Hymn

1. Lord Jesus think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free
and make me pure within.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be
and taste thy promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus think on me,
amid the battle's strife;
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.
4. Lord Jesus, think on me
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me
when flows the tempest high;
when on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.
6. Lord Jesus, think on me
that when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share thy joy at last.

*Into your hands we commend our Spirit, O Lord.
Into your hands we commend our hearts,
for we must die to ourselves in loving you.
Into your hands we commend our love.*

1. O God, my God, why have you gone from me,
far from my prayers, far from my cry?
To you I call and you never answer me,
you send no comfort and I don't know why!
2. You've been my guide since I was very young,
you show'd the way, you brought relief;
but now I'm lonely, nobody's by my side.
Take heed, my Lord, listen to my prayer.
3. I will proclaim your name to all my friends,
Thou art our God and our Father, too.
Your praise shall sound from every voice, O Lord,
soon every heart will worship you.

Prayer After Communion

Almighty Father,
by this sacrifice may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, whose
body and blood we share, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

*Lord, make me like you, please make me like you.
You are a servant, make me one, too.
O Lord, won't you give me your strength everyday
to build a community, to follow your way?*

1. Whoever among you desires to be great
must be the servant of all;
for even the Son of Man came to serve
and give His life for the world.
2. You call me your Master and Lord, so I am!
Behold, your feet I have washed
to set an example for all of you
of service and of love.
3. The Spirit anoints me and calls me by name
to bring good news to the poor,
release to the captives and sight to the blind,
to set the prisoner free.

