

TODAY'S MASS

3rd April 2022

5th Sunday of Lent (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

**Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.**

THE COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 125.R.v3

**R) What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

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. **(R)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R)**

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. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

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.

The word of the Lord.
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

John 8:1-11

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

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, be-
ginning 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.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 8: 10-11

**Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the
members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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