



# THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

## Our Sunday Supplication

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Holy Mass remains at the very core of our worship as a Catholic community. Nothing can ever be substituted for the celebration of the Eucharist. But in this exceptional time of difficulty for our communities, our nation, and even the whole world, this order of prayer can be offered by individuals and families and engages us in our Sunday celebration of the Word of God. We can pray this prayer in our homes—the “domestic churches” which help build up the Body of Christ on earth—and thus be engaged with the entire Church in her prayer.*

*During this time of prayer, we include the opportunity to make a Spiritual Communion, since we are presently unable to receive Holy Communion. Making a Spiritual Communion is a worthy practice, recommended by innumerable saints throughout the ages, which unites our whole selves to God and his Church. For, despite not being able to celebrate Mass together, this is certainly not a time to abandon the praise and supplication of almighty God, for he never abandons us! Now is the time to love and serve the Lord as best we can in our limited capacities.*

## ORDER OF PRAYER

*Taken from the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours*

### INTRODUCTION

Leader: ✠ O God, come to my assistance.

Response: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Response: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## HYMN

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation. *Alleluia, Alleluia...*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Alleluia, Alleluia...*

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. *Alleluia, Alleluia...*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Alleluia, Alleluia...*

## ACT OF CONTRITION

Leader: Let us acknowledge our sins, and seek the Lord's pardon and peace.

Together: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore 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.

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God, give us new strength from the courage of  
Christ our shepherd, and lead us to join the saints in heaven, where he lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..

Together: Amen.

## THE SUNDAY READINGS

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

(Acts 6:1-7)

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.

—Thanks be to God.

*Responsorial Psalm*

(Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

Reader: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Together: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reader: 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.

Together: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reader: 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.

Together: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reader: 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.

Together: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter*

(1 Peter 2:4-9)

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.

—Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Verse*

(John 14:6)

Reader: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

Together: no one comes to the Father, except through me.

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

(John 14:1-12)

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.

—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***For reflection—***

1. The order of deacons in the Church was instituted by the apostles so that the works of mercy would be done in the name of Christ by his ministers. Of course, not all of us are called to be deacons, but we are all called to serve others. How can we serve others this week in a special way?
2. What have we been taught by the present absence from Sunday Mass in our lives? How have we learned to be a “spiritual house” of living stones even when we are away from worshipping at Mass? Although we cannot offer Mass at this time, what other “spiritual sacrifices” can we make as the priesthood of believers?
3. How can we show others, in a positive way, that Jesus alone is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life”? What do you think Jesus meant when he said that those who believe in him will do not only his works, but even greater ones?

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Leader: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: You have risen from the dead,

Response: alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Response: Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us, alleluia, alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Leader: Christ is the Lord of life, raised up by the Father; in his turn he will raise us up by his power. Let us pray to him, saying:

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: Lord Jesus, light shining in the darkness, you lead your people into life, and give our mortal nature the gift of holiness; may we spend this day in praise of your glory.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: Lord, you walked the way of suffering and crucifixion; may we suffer and die with you, and rise again to share your glory.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: Son of the Father, our master and our brother, you have made us a kingdom of priests for our God; may we offer you our joyful sacrifice of praise.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: King of glory, we look forward to the great day of your coming in splendor, that we may see you face to face, and be transformed in your likeness.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: In your mercy, Father, continue to sanctify all who are afflicted from the present pandemic, and draw us all closer to you, and to one another, in this time of suffering.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

Leader: As we prepare to return to the Eucharistic sacrifice, keep us patient and prudent as we seek to both be with you and also to continue to care for the well-being of others.

Response: Christ our life, save us.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: Remember us, Lord, when you come into your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Together: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: You have given us bread from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Containing in itself all delight, alleluia, alleluia.

Together: My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you,  
my Lord and my God!  
Amen.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Together: ✠ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## CONCLUSION

Leader: ✠ May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

Together: Amen.