

PRELUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Prelude No. 1 – Oldroyd

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6zxO_8jyNI

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Introduction:

Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Today is also Solidarity Sunday on which we pray for the work of Development and Peace and are encouraged to support the Share Lent campaign.

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.

– pause –

During this Lenten season, our parish community journeys with Adrian Calestani, Laura Mattioli, Bridget O’Grady, Colette Zaharie, and Jessica Brichta who are all engaged in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. As part of their journey, we observe the Third Scrutiny of Christian Initiation today in the story of the Raising of Lazarus.

We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.

Today’s reflection is offered by Joan O’Connell.

Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.

ONE Minute of Silence

Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.

March 21, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent – Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Chant:

Christ Be Our Light – Bernadette Farrell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Greeting:

Leader: **We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Penitential Act:

Leader: During this season of Lent, the Church invites us to a conversion of life, to a greater openness to God's will in our lives.

Let us begin our celebration by asking God to help us root out whatever failings we have that prevent us from being totally open to the grace of God. *Pause*

Lord Jesus, you responded to Mary's concern for Lazarus: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you raised Lazarus from the dead: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to believe in everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

ALL: Amen.

Collect:

Leader: **Let us pray: - pause -**
Merciful God,
you showed your glory to our fallen race
by sending your Son
to confound the powers of death.
Call us forth from sin's dark tomb.
Break the bonds which hold us,
that we may believe and proclaim Christ,
the cause of our freedom
and the source of life,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: **Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-03-21-usccb-year-mass-readings>

First Reading.....Ezekiel 37.12-14

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:
Lector: **The word of the Lord.**
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial PsalmPsalm 130

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BYJDf0nz4U>

Second Reading..... Romans 8.8-11

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:
Lector: **The word of the Lord.**
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Gospel Acclamation..... John 11.25, 26

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7yTvp2PkF0&list=PL5agr_3e7q_r7N6uq-LnR5t-eNaL3mX8-&index=28

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... John 11.1-45

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reflection.....Joan O’Connell

<https://youtu.be/wwpDwgrocpM>

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: Let us profess our faith together:

ALL: 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 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.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: Our Lord Jesus invites us to put the service of others at the centre of our faith. In communion with our sisters and brothers from all over the world, let us confidently present our prayer intentions and those of the Church to the Lord.

**** See the PDF titled “Fifth Sunday of Lent 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”*

****Response: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

****Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

Leader: God our Creator, receive the prayers that we raise to you, that together we can build your kingdom of love, peace, and justice.

We ask this through your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Out of the Depths – Ruth Duck and Robert J. Batastini

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8tAz3_sVo

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

ALL: **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.**

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: As we conclude our celebration, we offer a Prayer to the Creator written by Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*:

**Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice, and peace.**

**Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence, and war.**

**May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.**

**May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.**

ALL: **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITES:

Blessing:

Leader: May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

Return to God – Marty Haugen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyYtj9XAz8M>

POSTLUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Prelude No. 2 – Oldroyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjniy09VAxA>