**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**(Fifth Week of Lent)**

**OUTLINE OF THE RITE**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

* **Readings**
* **Gospel Reading (Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer)**
* **Homily**
* **Prayer over the Elect**
* **Dismissal of the Elect**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READINGS:**

In place of the first reading assigned for the weekday Mass, the following two readings are used, as indicated in the Lectionary for Mass, ritual Masses, “Christian Initiation: Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer.”

**FIRST READING:**

Hosea 11:1b, 3-4, 8c-9 I have led you with cords of love.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

R: the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**Or:**

Psalm 103:1-2, 8 and 10, 11-12, 13 and 18

R: As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.

**SECOND READING:**

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – You have received the Spirit that makes you God’s children and in that Spirit we cry out, “Abba, Father!”

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL:**

Romans 8:15

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

After the first and second reading, an assisting deacon or other minister says:

Let those who are to receive the Lord’s Prayer now come forward.

The celebrant first addresses the following or similar words to the elect.

Listen to the gospel reading in which our Lord teaches his followers how to pray.

The gospel reading follows, with the version of the Lord’s Prayer, Options A or B, in use in the region.

*(Note: Option A is selected here)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

At that time, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Say this when you pray:

‘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.”

**HOMILY:**

After the gospel presentation, the celebrant in the homily explains the meaning and importance of the Lord’s Prayer.

**PRAYER OVER THE ELECT**

After the homily, the celebrant, using the following or similar words, invites the faithful to pray.

Let us pray for these elect, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, so that through the waters of rebirth they may receive pardon for their sins and have life in Christ Jesus sour Lord.

All pray in silence.

Then the celebrant, with hands outstretched over the elect, says:

Almighty and eternal God,

You continually enlarge the family of your Church.

Deepen the faith and understanding

Of these elect, chosen for baptism,

Give them new birth in your living waters,

So that they may be numbered among your adopted children.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

**DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT**

If the eucharist is to be celebrated, the elect are normally dismissed at this point by use of option A; of the elect are to stay for the celebration of the eucharist, option B is used; if the eucharist is not to be celebrated, the entire assembly is dismissed by use of option C.

A: The celebrant dismisses the elect in these or similar words.

Dear elect, go in peace,

And may the Lord remain with you always.

Elect:

Amen.

B. If for serious reasons the elect cannot leave and must remain with the baptised, they are to be instructed that though they are present at the eucharist, they cannot take part in it as the baptised do. They may be reminded of this by the celebrant in these or similar words.

Although you cannot yet participate fully in the Lord’s eucharist, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God’s children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with his Spirit to re-create the face of the earth.

C. The celebrant dismisses those present, using these or similar words.

Go in peace,

And may the Lord remain with you always.

All: Thanks be to God.

An appropriate song may conclude the celebration.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHAIRST**

After the elect leave, the celebration of Mass continues in the usual way.

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