


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021

Unless a grain
of wheat
falls to the
earth
and dies



It remains
just a
grain
of wheat

Entrance

1. Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
As distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.
2. And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

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HOMILY**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary and became man.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins**

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
He had to walk it by himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
3. You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

Text: American Folk Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Memorial Acclamation

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Amen

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Lamb of God

The cantors sing this litany in lieu of the congregation



Act of Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Communion Procession

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him; if we hold firm we shall reign with him.

Unless a grain...

2. If anyone serves me then they must follow me; wherever I am my servants will be.

Unless a grain...

3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;

those who remain in me bear much fruit.

Unless a grain...

Text: John 12:24; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957, © 1983, Bernadette Farrell, published by OCP Publications

Sending Forth

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your Cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamund Herklots, b.1905, © Oxford University Press

After Mass: Please deposit this aid in basket as you leave.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

Please strictly observe the directives of social distancing and the requirement to wear face coverings while in church.

- We have marked the pews with blue tape, so you know where to sit safely (with a limit of six persons per pew). Of course, families may sit together! If you live in the same house, you do not need to sit apart! All others must sit six 6 feet apart.
- We will not be passing baskets during the offertory, though we have a box for donations available upon entering and departing the church.
- There will be no Sign of Peace exchanged during Mass
- We strongly encourage everyone to accept the Sacred Eucharist in the hand, rather than on the tongue. This reduces the exposure to priests and deacons as well as to the person receiving the Body of Christ. We will not offer the Sacred Cup at this time.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers during communion to ensure social distancing.
- To leave church, please exit pew by pew, maintaining social distance, starting in the back. Please follow the directions of the ushers.