

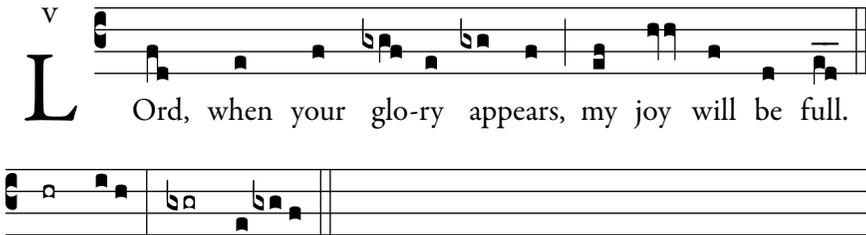
FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

OPTIONAL MASS

This Mass may be used on any day of this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of Lazarus is not read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17 (16): 15b

L^v 

Ord, when your glo-ry appears, my joy will be full.

Psalm 17 (16): 1, 6-7, 8b and 15

1. O LORD, hear a cause that *is just*; *
pay heed *to my cry*.
Turn your ear to *my prayer*: *
no deceit is *on my lips*.
2. To you I call; for you will surely heed me, *O God*. *
Turn your ear to me; *hear my words*.
Display your merciful love. †
By your right hand you deliver from *their foes* *
those who put their *trust in you*.
3. Hide me in the shadow of *your wings* *
As for me, in justice I shall behold *your face*; *
when I awake I shall be filled with the vision *of your presence*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23 (22): 4a

V
E V-en though I walk in the dark val-ley I fear no
 ev- il; for you are at my side.

Psalm 23(22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

1. The LORD is *my shepherd*; *
 there is nothing *I shall want*.
 Fresh and green are *the pastures* *
 where he gives *me repose*.
 Near restful waters *he leads me*; *
 he *revives my soul*.
2. He guides me along the *right path*, *
 for the sake of *his name*.
 Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, †
 no evil would I fear, for you *are with me*. *
 Your crook and your staff will *give me comfort*.
3. You have prepared a table *before me* *
 in the sight of *my foes*.
 My head you have anointed *with oil*; *
 my cup is *overflowing*.
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall *follow me* *
 all the days of *my life*.
 In the LORD's own house shall *I dwell* *
 for length of *days unending*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102 (101): 2

11

Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come to you.

Psalm 102(101): 2-3, 16-18, 19-21

1. O LORD, hear my **prayer**, *
and let my cry come *to you*.
Do not hide your face from **me** *
in the day of my *distress*.
Turn your ear toward me; †
on the day when I **call**, *
speedily *answer me*.
2. The nations shall fear the name of the **LORD**, *
and all the earth's kings *your glory*.
When the LORD shall build up **Sion**, *
he will appear in all *his glory*.
Then he will turn to the prayers of the **helpless**; *
he will not despise *their prayers*.
3. Let this be written for ages to **come**, *
that a people yet unborn may praise *the LORD*;
The LORD looked down from his holy place on **high**, *
looked down from heaven to *the earth*,
to hear the groans of the **prisoners**, *
and free those condemned *to die*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 105 (104): 8a

II

HE Lord re-mem-bers his cov-e-nant for ev-er.

Psalm 105 (104): 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1. Turn to the LORD and *his strength*; *
constantly *seek his face*.
Remember the wonders he *has done*, *
his marvels and his *words of judgment*.
2. O children of Abraham, *his servant*, *
O descendants of the Jacob *he chose*,
he, the LORD, is *our God*; *
his judgments are in *all the earth*.
3. He remembers his covenant *forever*: *
the promise he ordained for a thousand *generations*,
the covenant he made *with Abraham*, *
the oath he *swore to Isaac*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cf. Ps 18 (17): 7

VI

IN my distress I called up-on the Lord and he heard

my voice.

Psalm 18 (17): 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

1. I love you, *LORD*, *my strength*; *
O *LORD*, my rock, my fortress, *my savior*;
2. My God, my rock where *I take refuge*; *
my shield, my saving strength, *my stronghold*.
I cry out, "Praised *be the LORD!*" *
and see, I am saved from *my foes*.
3. The waves of death *rose about* me; *
the torrents of destruction *assailed* me;
the snares of the *grave surrounded* me; *
the traps of death *confronted* me.
4. In my anguish I called *to the LORD*; *
I cried to my God *for help*.
From his temple he *heard my voice*; *
my cry to him reached *his ears*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cf. Jer 31: 10d

VI

HE Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards
his flock.

Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12abcd, 13

1. Hear the word of the *LORD*, *O nations*, *
 proclaim it on distant *isles*, and say:
 He who scattered Israel, now gathers *them together*, *
 he guards them as a shepherd *guards his flock*.

2. The *LORD* shall *ransom Jacob*, *
 he shall redeem him from the hand of *his conqueror*.
 Shouting, they shall mount the *heights of Zion*, *
 they shall come streaming to *the LORD's blessings*.
 The grain, the wine, and *the oil*, *
 the sheep and *the oxen*.

3. Then the virgins shall make merry and *dance*, *
 and young men and *old as well*.
 I will turn their mourning *into joy*, *
 I will console and gladden them *after their sorrows*.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

II
G Lo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je- sus Christ.

Optional Mass **John 11: 25a, 26**

☩. I am the resurrection and the life, says *the Lord*; *
 whoever believes in me will *never die*.

Monday **Ezekiel 33: 11**

☩. I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, says *the Lord*, *
 but rather in his conversion, that *he may live*.

Tuesday

☩. The seed is the word of God, Christ is *the sower*; *
 all who come to him will *live for ever*.

Wednesday **Luke 8:15**

☩. Blessed are they who have kept the word with a *generous heart* *
 and yield a harvest through *perseverance*.

Thursday **Pslam 95: 8**

☩. If today you hear *his voice*; *
 harden *not your hearts*.

Friday **John 6:63c, 68c**

☩. Your words, Lord, are Spirit *and life*; *
 you have the words of *everlasting life*.

Saturday

Ezekiel 18: 31

‡. Cast away from you †
all the crimes you have committed, says *the LORD*, *
and make for yourselves a new heart and *a new spirit*.