

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Father, I place into your hands the things that I can't do
Father, I place into your hands the things that I've been through
Father, I place into your hands the way that I should go
For I know, I always can trust you
2. Father, I place into your hands my friends and family
Father, I place into your hands the things that trouble me
Father, I place into your hands the person I would be
For I know, I always can trust you

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:16-21
See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R) v. 3

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- 2 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 3:8-14
*Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have
accepted the loss of everything for Christ.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of
everything, and I look on everything as so much
rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a
place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from
the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes
through faith in Christ, and is from God and based
on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power
of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the
way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection
of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I
have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to
capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured
me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from
thinking that I have already won. All I can say is
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what
is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the
prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Amos 5:14

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
8:1-11

*If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be
the first to throw a stone at her.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the
people came to him, he sat down and began to
teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman
along who had been caught committing adultery;
and making her stand there in full view of
everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman
was caught in the very act of committing adultery,
and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn

