

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (Fifth Week of Lent)

(WITHIN MASS)



**DIOCESE OF MEATH**

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165. The presentation of the Lord's Prayer, which takes place during the week after the third scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of a community of the faithful, within Mass.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Readings

166. 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' (Vol. III, pp. 10-13).

#### FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1b, 3-4, 8c-9 – *I led them with leading-strings of love.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R./ (v.1) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Or

Psalm 102(103): 1-2, 8 and 10, 11-12, 13 and 18

R./ (v.3) As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – *The spirit you received is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'*

Or

Galatians 4:4-7 – *God has sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father!'*

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:15

The spirit you received is the spirit of sons,  
and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

## GOSPEL READING (PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER)

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

**Minister:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.  
At that time Jesus said to his disciples:

'Say this when you pray:

**A.** "Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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."

**B.** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,

**your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.”**

## HOMILY

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

## PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray for these elect, that God in his mercy may make them responsive to his love, so that through the waters of re-birth they may receive pardon for their sins and have life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All pray in silence.

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

**Celebrant:** 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.**

**All:** Amen.

## DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

170. If the eucharist is to be celebration, the elect are normally dismissed at this point by use of option A; if 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.

**Celebrant:** **Dear elect, go in peace,  
and may the Lord remain with you always.**

**Elect:** **Amen.**

### B

If for serious reasons the elect cannot leave (see no. 75,3) 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.

**Celebrant:** **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.

**Celebrant:** **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 EUCHARIST

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