

The Collects, Epistles and Gospels of the Liberal Catholic liturgy, rendered into gender-neutral, modern language, as an alternative form, by The Mission Episcopate of Saints Francis and Clare, a Eucharistic Community in the Liberal Catholic Tradition.

The Sunday called Sexagesima or the second Sunday before Lent.

Class B. Red vestments. In the MESFC at least 6 candles at Mass. (In the LCC: Third division, "Fewer extra candles"). The MESFC authorises the use of the Gradual and Preface of Whitsunday, as is prescribed by some jurisdictions. (In a small church, white may take the place of all colours, except there should be a violet stole for use where prescribed. Cloth of Gold may always take the place of white, red or green vestments, but not of violet.)

Intent: The HOLY SPIRIT as Sanctifier

The Collects

P. Christ be with you
C. And with your spirit.
P. Let us pray.

The collect for purity

P. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name. In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

The priest then intones or says the collect of the day and other collects, if any, and finally the collect for peace:

The collect of the day

P. O God the Holy Spirit, we pray You to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and minds in the ways of Your laws and in the works of Your commandments, that through Your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be pure in body and in soul, through our Sovereign Christ, who with You and the Creator lives and reigns forever. **R/. Amen**

The collect for peace

Teach us, Most High, to see your life in all the peoples of your earth, and so guide the nations into an understanding of your laws that peace and goodwill may reign upon earth; In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen.**

The Epistle

The Epistle is taken from the twelfth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse.

CONCERNING spiritual gifts, my sisters and brothers, I would not have you ignorant. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Ruler. There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone to profit from it. To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues, but that one and same Spirit gives action to all of these, dividing to each one as the Spirit wills.

Here ends the Epistle.

The epistle ended, all stand and sing:

Thanks be to God.

EITHER: The Ordinary Gradual

1. P: They that love wisdom love life:
C: **and they that seek her early shall be filled with joy.**
2. **Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes: and we shall keep it unto the end.**
3. **Give us understanding and we shall keep your law: we shall keep it with our whole heart.**
4. **The path of the just is as the shining light: shining more and more unto the perfect day.**

OR: The Gradual for Whitsunday

1. P: The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters:
C: **and God said, Let there be light; and there was light.**
2. **Know you not that you are the temple of God: and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**
3. **The Spirit is life, because of righteousness: and as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.**
4. **The Most High is that Spirit: and where that Spirit is, there is liberty.**

Munda Cor Meum

D. Cleanse my heart and my lips, O God, who by the hand of your seraph did cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal from your altar and in your lovingkindness so purify me that I may worthily proclaim your holy gospel; In Christ's name .

C. May the Most High be in your (+) heart and on your (+) lips, that through your heart the love of God may shine forth and through your lips God's power be made manifest. **R/. Amen.**

The Gospel

P OR D. Christ be with you.

C. And with your spirit.

The holy Gospel is taken from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, beginning at the twenty eighth verse.

C: Glory be to you, O Holy One.

The holy Gospel is taken from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, beginning at the twenty eighth verse.

ONE of the scribes came and asked Jesus, "Which is the first commandment of all?" And Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the Most High God is one God, and you shall love the Most High God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength That is the first commandment, and this is the second: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to Him, "Well, Teacher, You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other, and to love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the realm of God."

R/Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Preface for Whitsunday, (where used.)

P. It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ, who, going up above all the heavens, according to His most true promise sent forth the Holy Ghost, who came down from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth.

Therefore, we pray that with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim and with all the company of heaven, we too may laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying: