

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR

**An *ADORATION GUIDE* Inspired by the
Sunday Liturgy, Year C**

LENTEN SEASON

1st Sunday of Lent (n. 9)

2nd Sunday of Lent (n. 10)

3rd Sunday of Lent (n. 11)

4th Sunday of Lent (n. 12)

5th Sunday of Lent (n. 13)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (n. 14)

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Adoration Guide: Lenten Season, Year C

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 9)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: He Is Victorious Over Temptation"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(A moment of silence)

SONG: *A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.*

WORDS OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil ... The amazing thing is that scripture says it was the Holy Spirit who led them there! All that Jesus did and suffered was for our instruction. He consented to be led into the desert and to do battle with the devil so that when the baptized were assailed by greater temptations than before they would not be troubled as though this were something unexpected, but would remain steadfast, bearing them all nobly. You did not receive weapons so that you might sit at ease, but so that you might fight.

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Father,
through the observance of Lent,
help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection
and teach us to reflect it in our lives.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

**Part I
JESUS MASTER TRUTH
Listening to the Word**

FIRST READING: Dt 26:4-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: Rom 10:8-13

GOSPEL READING: Lk 4:1-13

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Today as we journey toward the Easter Triduum of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, we are asked to contemplate a decisive moment in the life of Jesus: his experience of temptation and subsequent victory over evil. The biblical scholar, Eugene Maly remarks: "That Jesus was tempted and tempted severely tells us that temptation to

evil is one of the most radical elements of human nature. The Word of God took on human flesh precisely so that he could experience the deepest realities that we experience. And to be human is to be tempted ... Temptation is the measure of human freedom. That we can be tempted means that we can make a decision. We can say yes or no. Only the slave acts out of necessity. The free person has a choice. If there were no choice, there would be no responsibility. No wonder Jesus had to undergo temptation.”

The temptations that Jesus experienced in the wilderness were typical of the temptations that Jesus was subjected to throughout his life and the temptations that his followers would undergo. Satan’s temptations were meant to mislay Jesus from the path of filial obedience, to instigate him to false worship, and to induce him to put to the test the Father’s fidelity. In all these, Jesus remained faithful as God’s Servant-Son. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the ever faithful and obedient Jesus committed himself to his Father, his sustenance, the sole sustainer of life and the object of his absolute love and worship.

SONG: A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.

Part II
JESUS MASTER WAY
Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Do we experience temptation? What do we do in moments of temptation? Do we look upon Jesus as the model of faith and surrender to the divine saving word? Are we ready to fast and respond with docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

PRAISING WITH THE WORD

Loving Father,
we thank you for the Lenten season,
sacramental sign of our conversion.
We praise you for deliverance from enslavement
and making us your holy people.
United with Jesus Christ,
victorious over temptations,
we render you true worship
and obey your saving will.
Help us to respond generously
to the needs of the poor and the needy,
to the defenseless and the suffering in our land.
We love and serve you, now and forever.
Amen.

SONG: A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.

Part III
JESUS LIFE
Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

CONTEMPLATING WITH MARY THE FACE OF CHRIST: *The Rosary's Mysteries of Light may be prayed in part or in full.*

THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY: PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We should pray at all times, but especially during this season of Lent. We should faithfully keep watch with Christ and say to our Father:

(R.) LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For the Holy Father's General Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
2. For the Holy Father's Mission Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
3. That Christians everywhere may be responsive to the word of God during this holy season. We pray: (R.)
4. That people everywhere may work for peace to make these days the acceptable time of God's help and salvation. We pray: (R.)
5. That all who have sinned or grown lukewarm may turn to God again during this time of reconciliation. We pray: (R.)
6. That we ourselves may learn to repent and turn from sin with all our hearts. We pray: (R.)
7. That in this Lenten season, the Christian disciples may dedicate themselves to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We pray: (R.)
8. That God may lay his healing hand upon the sick, grant comfort to the afflicted, provide bread for the hungry, and spiritual strength to those who are tempted. We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord,
 bless us with your heavenly gifts,
 and in your mercy make us ready to do your will.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

***** Text of 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C, ends here. *****

Adoration Guide: Lenten Season, Year C

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 10)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: His Transfiguration Is a Pledge of Glory"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(A moment of silence)

SONG: *A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.*

INTRODUCTION

(cf. Amiliana Lohr in Meditations on the Sunday Gospels, Year C, New York: New City Press, 1998, p. 36-37)

Today, this transfiguration of the Lord is put particularly to the fore in the liturgical event. We see the glorification of Christ living in his Church. (...) With us, as with him before he suffered, that glory is not continuously visible; only when we have borne the conformation to Christ throughout the whole of our earthly lives, and striven more consciously to realize it, only when we have borne our share of the pain of Christ, to the last end in our body's death, will the full splendor of the risen and glorified Christ break out in us. The mystery of the Lord's transfiguration lives on in the Church. Only when we have listened to the saving word of Jesus Christ and have borne our share of his passion will the full splendor of his paschal glory shine in us.

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God our Father,
 help us to hear your Son.
 Enlighten us with your word,
 that we may find the way to your glory.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

**Part I
JESUS MASTER TRUTH
Listening to the Word**

FIRST READING: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: Phil 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL READING: Lk 9:28b-36

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Today's Gospel account of the Lord's transfiguration gives us a glimpse into the glory of Jesus as the Son of God and Servant of Yahweh. It is also a pledge of our own paschal destiny and glory. The transfiguration of Jesus is meant to strengthen the faith of the Christian disciples journeying through death to the Easter glory. With the transfiguration event, we are given a forceful direction towards the completion of the Father's saving plan. Confirmed in faith by the vision of Christ's glory, we can assert with courage, "If Christ can make it, we can make it."

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part II JESUS MASTER WAY Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Do we treasure the transfiguration event of Christ and its pledge of future glory? Do we allow ourselves to be strengthened by Christ for our paschal journey to Easter glory? How do we heed the Father's voice from the cloud, saying to us: "*This is my chosen Son; listen to him*"? Do we believe that the mystery of the Lord's transfiguration lives on in the Church, especially through the sacraments and through a life totally conformed to Christ who suffered, died and was glorified?

PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Loving Father,
you are the God of the covenant.
Like Abraham, the "father of nations",
we put our trust in you.
Assist us in our Lenten journey
and fill us with the faith that transforms.
At baptism,
our journey of "christification" was radically initiated.
Transform us more deeply,
as we go through the daily paschal events of life,
into the image of your Servant-Son Jesus Christ.
Let the grace of transformation we have received
be turned into a "gift for living" for others.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part III JESUS LIFE Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

CONTEMPLATING WITH MARY THE FACE OF CHRIST: *The Rosary's Mysteries of Light may be prayed in part or in full.*

THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY: PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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(R.) LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For the Holy Father's General Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
2. For the Holy Father's Mission Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
3. That there may be an increase in priestly and religious vocations who will give witness to the Christian faith radically, and that we may have a meaningful and transforming celebration of the Year of Faith (October 2012 - November 2013). We pray: (R.)
4. That in this Lenten season, the Christian disciples may dedicate themselves to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We pray: (R.)
5. That by our acts of kindness and charity we may enable the people around us, especially those who are discouraged and desperate, to have an experience of God's promise of glory. We pray: (R.)
6. That the sick and suffering, the despondent and the rejected, the victims of violence and addiction, and those overwhelmed with worry and anxiety may be filled with the inner strength that the transfigured Lord Jesus shares with us and with the comforting vision of his paschal victory and glory. We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord,

 bless your people who hope for your mercy.

 Grant that they may receive

 the things they ask for at your prompting.

 Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

***** Text of 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C, ends here. *****

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 11)
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: He Is God's One More Chance"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(A moment of silence)

SONG: A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.

WORDS OF POPE PAUL VI

We cannot tear ourselves away from the dominant thought in the Church during this period of preparation for Easter. It is the thought of penitence, which contrasts with our habits and our mentality. Can a Christian evade the law of penance? Do not the need, the duty, of penance arise from the intrinsic necessities of our being as fallen human beings? (...) *Metanoia* means conversion, repentance, inner change. It means a change of outlook. And it is the latter that is most important to change: one's thought, ideas, way of judging oneself; to change one's conscience from false to true. In this liturgical period when the exhortation to *metanoia*, this inner penance, this reordering of our mentality and morality, becomes pressing, we must ask ourselves with courageous sincerity, what must we correct in our secret, intimate, personal life?

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of all compassion, Father of all goodness,
to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us
you bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with our brothers and sisters.
We acknowledge our sinfulness,
our guilt is ever before us;
when our weakness causes discouragement,
let your compassion fill us with hope
and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Part I **JESUS MASTER TRUTH** **Listening to the Word**

FIRST READING: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: I Cor 10:1-6, 1-12

GOSPEL READING: Lk 13:1-9

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading underlines the Christian call to *metanoia*, which means conversion, repentance, and inner change. Jesus calls for conversion. Unless we repent and respond positively to the Gospel, we will be alienated from God. Those who persist in their sinful refusal to repent will suffer destruction. In the context of the Father's saving plan, Jesus is God's "one more chance" - the **ultimate chance**. Jesus is the final opportunity, the culmination of God's long history of opportunities. He is the means of

reconciliation with our Father in heaven. The Christian community is urgently challenged to respond positively to this loving offer of salvation. As privileged recipients of God's magnanimous love we need to embrace the **ultimate chance** in the person of our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the true and faithful gardener of God's vineyard.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part II
JESUS MASTER WAY
Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

What is our response to Christ' call to conversion and apostolic fruitfulness? How do we react to the local and universal disasters that impinge upon our senses day after day through the mass media? What personal lesson do we derive from the parable of the barren fig tree?

PRAIVING WITH THE WORD

Father of mercy and goodness,
you reveal to us your patient mercy
by offering us the ultimate chance,
Jesus Christ, your beloved Son.
He suffered for us
and irrigated our barren hearts
with the blood of his sacrifice
that we may bring forth a rich harvest.
Do not let us suffer the fate of the unfruitful fig trees,
destined for ultimate destruction.
In our Lenten journey to the Easter glory,
help us to be responsive
to the "amazing grace" won for us by Jesus,
the compassionate gardener of our souls.
He lives and reigns, forever and ever.
Amen.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part III
JESUS LIFE
Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

CONTEMPLATING WITH MARY THE FACE OF CHRIST: *The Rosary's Mysteries of Light may be prayed in part or in full.*

THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY: PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We should pray at all times, but especially during this season of Lent. We should faithfully keep watch with Christ and say to our Father:

(R.) LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For the Holy Father's General Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
2. For the Holy Father's Mission Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
3. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility. We pray: (R.)
4. That bishops, priests and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth and that there may be an increase in priestly and religious vocations who will give witness to the Christian faith radically. We pray: (R.)
5. That in this Lenten season, the Christian disciples may dedicate themselves to fasting, prayer and almsgiving and that Church leaders may wisely guide them through the challenges of the modern world. We pray: (R.)
6. That the erring may turn from their sinful ways and that the Lord may grant us the gift of repentance and sincere conversion from sin. We also invoke God's loving compassion upon all prisoners, especially those who have received the death penalty and those falsely condemned, and for the grace needed by those who minister to their care. We pray: (R.)
7. That the sick may be comforted by the healing hand of God; that those burdened by deep material and financial needs may experience the help of divine providence; that the victims of various addictions may find total liberation; that families suffering from discord and broken relationships may rejoice in the gift of peace and reconciliation; and that the despairing may be strengthened by the vision of our Easter destiny. We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord,
 bless your people who hope for your mercy.
 Grant that they may receive
 the things they ask for at your prompting.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord..

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

***** Text of 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C, ends here. *****

Adoration Guide: Lenten Season, Year C

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 12)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: He Makes Possible Our Homecoming"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A moment of silence)

SONG: *A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.*

WORDS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

The parable of the prodigal son expresses in a simple but profound way the reality of conversion. Conversion is the most concrete expression of the working of love and of the presence of mercy in the human world. The true and proper meaning of mercy does not consist only in looking, however penetratingly and compassionately, at moral, physical, or material evil. Mercy is manifested in its true and proper aspect when it restores to value, promotes, and draws good from all the former evil existing in the world and in humanity.

Understood in this way, mercy constitutes the fundamental content of the messianic message of Christ and the constitutive power of his mission. His disciples and followers understood and practiced mercy in the same way. Mercy never ceased to reveal itself, in their hearts and in their actions, as an especially creative proof of the love which does not allow itself to be conquered by evil, but overcomes evil with good. The genuine face of mercy has to be ever revealed anew. In spite of many prejudices, mercy seems particularly necessary for our times.

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God our Father,

your Word Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world

and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation

by the suffering and death he endured.

Teach us, the people who bear his name,

to follow the example he gave us.

May our faith, hope and charity

turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

**Part I
JESUS MASTER TRUTH**

Listening to the Word

FIRST READING: Jos 5:9a, 10-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: I Cor 5:17-21

GOSPEL READING: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

The parable of the Father's prodigal love finds its completion in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son who, in taking on human nature, became totally identified with the pathetic experience of the wayward son and of every sinner. In his paschal offering on the cross, Jesus would experience the total and excruciating pain of alienation caused by humanity's sin. By his passion and death, the Servant of Yahweh and Son of God carried the burden of sin as a means of expiation and redemption. When he breathed forth his last on the cross, crying out in a loud voice, "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit*" (Lk 23:46), Jesus radically experienced the "homecoming". In that unique saving event, Jesus Christ, the beloved Servant-Son, made possible the "homecoming" of the lost children of God and their reconciliation with the compassionate Father, who had been so prodigious with his saving plan.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part II JESUS MASTER WAY Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

In what way am I the lost wasteful son? In what way am I the lost, elder brother? In what way am I the compassionate Father, prodigal in love?

PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Leader: Father, you are full of mercy and compassion. Forgive us for having chosen our own way, independent from you. Forgive us for having wasted the spiritual riches and gifts you have bestowed on us. We wanted to build our lives outside of your loving plan. We were eager to taste the thrill of death-dealing adventures and relish the recklessness of false freedom. We also drank the dregs of sinful pleasure and indulged in selfish satisfactions. Now that we are done, we feel degraded, isolated, and empty. Please help us for we are broken and our life is shattered. Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We no longer deserve to be called your children. By the loving passion of our brother Jesus and his sacrificial death on the cross, we return to you, laden with tears of repentance.

Assembly: *The compassionate Father says, "We must celebrate and rejoice, because the dead has come to life again; the lost has been found."*

Leader: Father, your merciful love is abounding. Forgive us for being self-righteous. Our brutal sense of justice and unwarranted indignation made us resent your kindly embrace

for those in need. Forgive us for treating harshly our brothers and sisters who have erred, but are humbly seeking to return to your loving embrace. Father, our pride has alienated us from you. We are “lost” and are in need of healing. In the name of our brother Jesus, your beloved Son-Servant, we turn to you with filial love and tears of repentance. Gracious Father, your joy is our joy. Everything you have is ours to share with those in need.

Assembly: *The compassionate Father says, “We must celebrate and rejoice, because the dead has come to life again; the lost has been found.”*

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part III
JESUS LIFE
Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

CONTEMPLATING WITH MARY THE FACE OF CHRIST: *The Rosary’s Sorrowful Mysteries may be prayed in part or in full.*

THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY: PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We should pray at all times, but especially during this season of Lent. We should faithfully keep watch with Christ and say to our Father:

(R.) LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For the Holy Father’s General Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
2. For the Holy Father’s Mission Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
3. That there may be an increase in priestly and religious vocations who will give witness to the Christian faith radically. We pray: (R.)
4. That in this Lenten season, the Christian disciples may dedicate themselves to fasting, prayer and almsgiving and that they may efficaciously respond to the challenges of the modern world. We pray: (R.)
5. That, in union with Christ, we may be instruments of conversion and make possible the “homecoming” of the lost and the erring. We pray: (R.)
6. That the sick may be strengthened in body and soul and that those who care for them may be filled with unfailing mercy and compassion; that the victims of addiction may be liberated and that those who minister to them may be instruments of their freedom and integration; that those who are anxious for their basic necessities may experience the marvels of divine providence; and that families experiencing discord and broken relationships may be consoled by the healing power of God and his forgiving love. We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Father,

look with love upon your people,

the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us
when he delivered himself to evil men
and suffered the agony of the cross,
for he is Lord forever.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

***** Text of 4th Sunday of Lent, Year C, ends here. *****

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 13)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: He Was the Ultimately Accused"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(A moment of silence)

SONG: *A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.*

INTRODUCTION

(cf. Jean Vanier in Meditation on the Sunday Gospels, Year C, ed. John Rotelle, New York, New City Press, 1998, p. 42-43)

This is at the heart of each one of us, this meeting of Jesus with the woman taken in adultery. It is for us a very personal reality, for we have not been faithful to the quiet callings of the Spirit. We have turned away from the Lover and have used his gifts for our own power and glory ... This is the experience of the healing power of Jesus; we will be healed when we are conscious that we are adulterers - that we are filled with selfishness and have not followed this call.

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Father,

help us to be like Christ your Son,
who loved the world and died for our salvation.
Inspire us by his love,
guide us by his example,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Part I
JESUS MASTER TRUTH
Listening to the Word

FIRST READING: Is 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: Phil 3:8-14

GOSPEL READING: Jn 8:1-11

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

The last scene of today's Gospel episode portrays, with exquisite beauty, the poignant encounter between the adulterous woman and Jesus, the source of forgiveness and grace. The accusers had left. Jesus straightened up and asked her two questions that would gently underline her astounding experience of salvation: "*Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?*" When the redeemed woman answered that there was no one, Jesus gave a compassionate admonition that would radically set her on the road of conversion and restoration: "*Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.*" It must have been a very deep meeting ... The woman becomes conscious that she is in front of the Liberator, because when Jesus looks at her and says, *Do not sin again*, he creates a relationship with her. She loves him for he has saved her, and she goes away with a new force in her being. She will not sin again, because there has been a communication between the eyes of Jesus and her being, the being of Jesus and her being, and strength comes into her.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part II
JESUS MASTER WAY
Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Did we ever falsely condemn anyone and "cast the first stone"? How can we make amends? Do we acknowledge our own personal participation in the condemnation and punishment of the ultimately "accused", Jesus Christ, our redeemer? In what way are we like the adulterous woman, the object of Christ's forgiving and redeeming love, and set on the road of renewal and restoration?

PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Loving Father,
your beloved Son Jesus, our redeeming Lord,
was falsely accused.
He suffered the pain of injustice on the Cross.
Forgive us for, like the adulterous woman,
we have turned away from your love.

We were unfaithful to the quiet callings of your Spirit.
Forgive us for our hypocrisies.
We have ignored the afflictions
of those yearning for your redeeming love.
Forgive us for crucifying Jesus on the Cross by our cruelties.
We have failed to love the wounded of this world.
Forgive us for our indifference.
We have not protected
the dignity of the poor and the falsely accused.
Forgive us for not showing Christ's mercy to the condemned.
May we allow ourselves to be renewed
and restored by the healing power
of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.
May we imitate his life-giving ministry
to the poor, the outcast and the accused.
We thank you and bless you, gracious God,
for giving us Jesus Christ, our font of love and justice,
now and forever. Amen.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part III
JESUS LIFE
Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

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3. That there may be an increase in priestly and religious vocations who will give witness to the Christian faith radically and that Church leaders may efficaciously shepherd the Church through the challenges of the modern world. We pray: (R.)
4. That in this Lenten season, the Christian disciples may dedicate themselves to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving and that both the faithful and the erring may fully avail of the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. We pray: (R.)
5. That the innocent victims of violence and exploitation may be vindicated and those who endeavor to liberate the victims of false accusations and injustice may be filled with the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit. We pray: (R.)

6. That we may be truly conformed to the paschal mystery of Christ's passion, death, and glorification and that as Church we may continue toward our goal, "the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus". We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Leader: Lord,

cover with your protection our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Be his light, strength and consolation.

May he truly be a Shepherd after your heart.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

***** Text of 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C, ends here. *****

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
THROUGH THE LITURGICAL YEAR (n. 14)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, YEAR C
"JESUS SAVIOR: He Moves Toward His Glorious Passion"**

(+) In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A moment of silence)

SONG: *A Lenten song, a Eucharistic hymn or another appropriate song may be sung.*

INTRODUCTION

(cf. Johannes Pinski in Meditation on the Sunday Gospels, Year C, ed. John Rotelle, New York, New City Press, 1998, p. 44-45)

The palm branch handed to us makes us participants of the triumph of the King. The olive branch mentioned in the prayers in connection with the palm branch signifies the peace of the kingdom of God, a peace implying the absolute inviolability of the holdings of the kingdom of God, an inviolability assured by the victory of Christ. The favored multitude present at the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in that fateful springtime long ago already grasped what was here being foreshadowed. Redeemed humanity, illuminated by the celestial light of faith, goes out to meet our Redeemer, who subjected himself to human sufferings and was about to close in mortal combat with death for the

life of the whole world and triumph by his death ... To the victor over death we cry, with the angels and the children of the Hebrews: "Glory, praise and honor be with you: Redeemer, Christ the King."

SILENT ADORATION

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty, ever-living God,
you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior
as a model of humility.
He fulfilled your will
by becoming man and giving his life on the cross.
Help us to bear witness to you
by following his example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in his resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Part I

JESUS MASTER TRUTH

Listening to the Word

FIRST READING: Is 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: Phil 2:6-11

GOSPEL READING: Lk 22:14-23:56

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

The joyful acclamation of the crowd at the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem would attain its utmost significance in the paschal event of his passion and death on the cross. Jesus became truly "*the king who comes in the name of the Lord*" when he brought to fulfillment the kingdom ministry by his sacrificial obedience to the Father's saving will. Crucified with him on Mount Calvary was the repentant criminal who prayed to him: "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom*" (Lk 23:42). The response of Jesus evinced his pastoral and life-giving mission as the messianic King-Shepherd: "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise*" (Lk 23:43). Jesus thus became the King of his repentant heart and led him to Paradise. The last words that Jesus King uttered to any person on earth before he breathed forth his Spirit to the Father were words of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part II

JESUS MASTER WAY

Confrontation with the Word

POINTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

Are we ready to participate actively and meaningfully in the Church's celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery? Are we willing to unite our own lives with the passion of Christ and his glorification? As we commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, do we wish to honor him as the triumphant King who has a claim on all that we are, on all that we possess, and on all that we do? Are we disposed to pray to Christ with a contrite heart: "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom*" (Lk 23:42)?

PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Lord Jesus,
increase the faith of your people
and listen to our humble prayers.
Today we honor you as our triumphant King
by carrying the branches
that indicate we truly worship you.
Today we spread the precious "cloaks" of our being
before you, our beloved Shepherd-King.
All that we are,
all that we possess,
and all that we do
we offer them to you.
With the repentant thief, we cry:
"Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom."
You live and reign,
forever and ever.
Amen.

SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate one may be sung.*

Part III JESUS LIFE Acting upon the Word

PERSONAL PRAYER

CONTEMPLATING WITH MARY THE FACE OF CHRIST: *The Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries may be prayed in part or in full.*

THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY: PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: As Easter draw near, let us earnestly pray to the Lord. Let us say to him:

(R.) LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For the Holy Father's General Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
2. For the Holy Father's Mission Intention for this month of _____. We pray: (R.)
3. That those who will be baptized at Easter may grow in faith and understanding. We pray: (R.)

4. That those who are helpless and abandoned may be given blessings of peace and security and those who are afflicted and tempted may be strengthened by God's grace. We pray: (R.)

5. That we may all learn to set our own interests aside and reach out in love to our brothers and sisters. We pray: (R.)

6. That we may have the grace to share fully in the passion of Christ and the everlasting life and glory that come from it. We pray: (R.)

7. That we may unite our sufferings with the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ and may share in the Easter joy. We pray: (R.)

8. That we may have a salutary celebration of the Easter Week and that the Easter Triduum may help us experience the healing and transforming power of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. We pray: (R.)

(Other prayers may be added.)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Leader: Lord,

 bless and strengthen your people.

 May they remain faithful to you

 and always rejoice in your mercy.

 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

FINAL SONG: *A Eucharistic hymn, or a Lenten song, or another appropriate song may be sung.*

**** *Text of Palm Sunday, Year C, ends here.* ****

