

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Third Scrutiny

March 18, 2018 12pm

It is helpful if in the homily the preacher can use the readings to explain the meaning of the third scrutiny in light of the Lenten liturgy and the spiritual journey of the elect. The creed is omitted.

After the homily, the presider, deacon with hand held mic and server come forward in front of the altar. The server holds the binder.

Deacon: Elect of God, please come forward with your sponsors.
Valerie Worthington, Robert Bacon, Antonio Boles and Duanne Jackson

Choir sings acclamation

Presider: *addressing the assembly in these or similar words:*

People of faith gathered here, let us pray in silence that these elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

All pray silently for a few moments. He then addresses the Elect:

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray.

After a few more moments of silence, the presider says:

Let us stand and pray for these Elect, whom God has chosen. May the grace of the sacraments conform them to Christ in his passion and resurrection, and enable them to triumph over the bitter fate of death.

Lector/Deacon: That these Elect may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life, we pray to the Lord.

That they may be freed from sin and grow in the holiness that leads to eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

That, liberated by repentance from the bonds of sin, they may become like Christ by baptism, dead to sin and alive for ever in God's sight, we pray to the Lord.

That they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit and prepare themselves thoroughly for their birth to new life, we pray to the Lord.

That the Eucharistic food, which they are soon to receive, may make them one with Christ, the source of life and of resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

That all of us may walk in newness of life and show to the world the power of the risen Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That all the world may find Christ and acknowledge in him the promises of eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased members of our community, ??? and for our service men & women killed in action, we pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions and the intentions placed on the cross in the sanctuary (pause) and for those mentioned in our book of prayer intentions and works of mercy (pause) and for ???, for whom this mass is offered, we pray to the Lord

Presider: *(with hands joined)*

God of the living, not of the dead,
you sent your Son to proclaim life,
to snatch us from the realm of death,
and to lead us to the resurrection.
Free these Elect from the death-dealing power
of the spirit of evil,
so that they may bear witness
to their new life in the risen Christ,
for he lives for ever and ever.

Amen.

With hands outstretched over the elect, the presider continues:

Presider: Lord Jesus, by raising Lazarus from the dead
you showed that you came that we might have life
and have it more abundantly.

Free from the grasp of death
those who await your life-giving sacraments,
and deliver them from the spirit of corruption.

Through your Spirit, who gives life,
fill them with faith, hope and charity,
that they may live with you always
in the glory of your resurrection,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dear Elect of God, even though you cannot participate fully, we invite
you to stay with us as we prepare to celebrate God's presence
among us in the Eucharist, as we await the day when you will join us.

Choir sings acclamation