



# WELCOME TO SAINT LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 1/2, 2021  
Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Schliessmann, Pastor  
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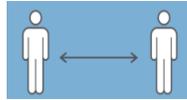


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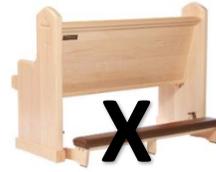
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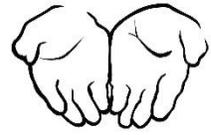
Wear a mask.  
Ask an usher if you need one.



Social distance



Help us save time cleaning  
by not using the kneelers.  
Feel free to sit or kneel on  
the floor.



Receive the Holy  
Eucharist in the hands  
instead of on the tongue.



**We are so thankful to be celebrating Mass with you in person. Help us celebrate Mass safely.**

## OPENING HYMN

### ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OR

Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

OR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers  
and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts  
and in my words, in what I have done and in what I  
have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask  
blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to  
the Lord our God.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the  
disciples,  
but they were all afraid of him,  
not believing that he was a disciple.  
Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him  
to the apostles,  
and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord,  
and that he had spoken to him,  
and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the  
name of Jesus.  
He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,  
and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord.  
He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists,  
but they tried to kill him.  
And when the brothers learned of this,  
they took him down to Caesarea  
and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and  
Samaria was at peace.  
It was being built up and walked in the fear of the  
Lord,  
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in  
numbers.  
The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your  
people.**

## SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech

but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him  
in whatever our hearts condemn,  
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.  
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have confidence in God  
and receive from him whatever we ask,  
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.  
And his commandment is this:  
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another just as he commanded us.  
Those who keep his commandments remain in him,  
and he in them,  
and the way we know that he remains in us  
is from the Spirit he gave us.  
The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.  
You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.  
Remain in me, as I remain in you.  
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,  
so neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;  
people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.  
By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*(At the words that follow, all bow.)*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, (end bow)**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## FINAL HYMN

### THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.

### REFRAIN

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love.  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.

### REFRAIN

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