

Third Scrutiny

5th Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading – Cycle A

Homily

Invitation to Silent Prayer

After the homily, the celebrant invites all the Elect with their godparents to come forward.

They stand before the celebrant.

He addresses the Elect with these words:

Elect of god, bow your heads and pray.

The celebrant invites the faithful to pray in silence for these elect for a few minutes.

Intercessions for the Elect

The celebrant says:

Let us 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.

The cantors may chant the Intercessions.....see RCIA # 174

The response of the people may be sung or said. Lord, hear our prayer.

Exorcism Prayer

The celebrant prays over the Elect:

Father of life and God not of the dead but of the living,
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 and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The celebrant, then, lays hands on each of the Elect in silence.

(Laying On of Hands on each Elect – individually)

The celebrant, then, prays over the Elect with outstretched hands:

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 give 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.

R. Amen.

Dismissal of the Elect

The celebrant gives the lectionary to the catechist.

Then, the celebrant addresses the Elect:

My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply upon the word of God which you have shared with us today.
Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. Go in peace.

The Elect, along with their catechist, process out of the church.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.