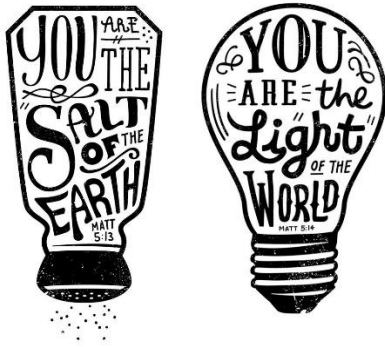


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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8 February 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Christ be our light (883)

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Schutte (1013)



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Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Isaiah 58: 6-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

**The just man is a light in darkness
to the upright.**

- 1 Light shines through the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious and merciful and just.
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 2 He shall never be moved;
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.
An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

Second Reading

(1 Corinthians 2: 1-5)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come
proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty
speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing
among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I
was with you in weakness and in fear and much
trembling, and my speech and my message were not in
plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the
Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in
the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Matthew 5: 13-16)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt
of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its
saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything

except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow at the following words)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: Take my hands (608)

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,

grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşu... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around
you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

St O: Beati Quorum Via – Charles V. Stanford

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Bring forth the Kingdom (854)

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