INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: The Eyes and Hands of Christ

Refrain:

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Love will be found, life will abound.
By name we are called, from water we are sent:
To become the eyes and hands of Christ.

One we become, no longer strangers.
No longer empty or frail.
Filled with the spirit, ev'ry hunger satisfied.
Christ is the center of our lives.

Not what we are, but what we become.
Not what we say but what we do.
Living the challenge as the bearers of light.
We are the eyes and hands of Christ.

Greeting

Presider: Let us begin as we begin all good things; In the name of God the + Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: What does it mean …

Opening Prayer

Deacon: May the grace of Jesus … be with you.
All: And also with you.

Presider: Holy God,… through Jesus, the Christ.
All: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess where we have fallen short of our call.

A.) All: God of life, we admit to you and each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus, the Christ, your love incarnate.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to be the salt of the earth: Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to be the light of the world: Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to be a city set on a mountain: Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: May our Merciful God absolve you and me, a sinner, and with the authority vested in me through Jesus the Christ, I absolve you from all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Gloria

Presider: Let us join in prayer as we proclaim God's glory and say:
All: Glory to God in whom we live and move and have our being; and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly King, wonderful Creator, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Jesus the Christ, only Son of God; O God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: Creator God, open our understanding by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us.
All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 58:7-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Share your bread with those who are hungry,
and shelter homeless poor people;
clothe those you see naked,
and do not hide from the needs of your own flesh and blood.
Then your light will shine like the dawn
and your wound will be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of Your God behind you.
Cry, and God will answer;
call, and God will say, "I am here" –
provided you remove from your midst oppression,
finger-pointing, and vicious rumors.
If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted,
then light will rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom will become for you like midday.

*The Word of God. /**R.** Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. The just ones are a light in darkness to the upright.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful and just.
Well for those who are gracious and lend to others,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

R. The just ones are a light in darkness to the upright.

They shall never be moved;
the just ones shall be in everlasting remembrance.
An evil report they shall not fear;
their hearts are firm, trusting always in God.

R. The just ones are a light in darkness to the upright.

Their hearts are steadfast; they shall not fear.
They give lavishly to the poor.
Their justice shall endure forever;
They shall be exalted in glory.

R. The just ones are a light in darkness to the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

As for myself, when I came to you I did not come proclaiming God's testimony with any particular eloquence or "wisdom." No, I determined that while I was with you I would know nothing but Jesus Christ - Christ crucified. When I came among you it was in weakness and fear, and with much trepidation. My message and my preaching had none of the persuasive force of "wise" argumentation, but the convincing power of the Spirit. As a consequence, your faith rests not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

*The Word of God. /**R.** Thanks be to God.*

ALLELUIA!
I am the light of the world says the Christ;
those who follow me have the light of life.
ALLELUIA!

Deacon: God be with you
All: And also with you

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 5:13-16**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you o God

Jesus said to the disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor? Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand, where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven."

The Good News of Salvation!
R. *Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!*

Homily
Deacon/ Speaker/Presider:…

The Profession of Faith

All: We believe in God who made us all, and whose Divine Presence and infinite love infuses all of life and creation with the sacred.

We believe that Jesus is the face of God on earth in whom we best see the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion to which we are all called. He celebrated with outcasts and sinners and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance.

We believe that Jesus suffered so that we might realize that the spirit in us can never be killed, whatever price we have to pay for staying true to the mind of God. That Jesus died and was raised on the third day. He changed all of life for all of us thereafter. He ascended into the life of God, the life beyond life, and waits there for us. He lived in those he left behind and lives in each of us as well.

We believe in the Christ who is One with the Creator and who shows us the presence of God in everything that is and calls out the sacred in ourselves. The Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the infinite dimensions of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who gives light to hearts now blind and infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. That this Spirit is ever present and urges us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

We believe in the Church as a community of the sons and daughters of God, the mystical body of Christ.

We believe that we will live forever in the embrace of God and trust that creation goes on creating in this world and in us forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: My friends, let us pray now that Christ's light may shine through us for the whole world.

Leader: Our response is…O God, hear our Prayer.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the all baptized Christians: that we may live as salt and light for others. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those who sit in the darkness of poverty, violence, war or injustice. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those whose light has dimmed, who need support to live as Christ's disciples. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those who will not let the light of others shine. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those held captive by the internal darkness of doubt, depression, lack of faith or self-worth. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For individuals and organizations whose work is to bring light to others or zest to their lives. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the ministers of our Jurisdiction and our community: that they may truly be light for others and led by your truth. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the growth of St Marguerite Faith Community, that we will be prayerful in witnessing to others Jesus' Gospel message of love and inclusion. We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For all who suffer because of illness, injury, or age and for those who care for them including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)
and for all those recently deceased, to rest in the everlasting domain of Christ including Trudy and any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)
We pray:
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, close to home and around the world, including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)
We pray.
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause) We pray:
All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Presider: God who guides us, you call your people to show your endless love to others. Give us the courage to live as we are called and to reflect your light to those who sit in darkness. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who showed us how to be light for others.
All: Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Deacon: If you are offering your gift, and remember your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there and go; first to be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Presider: The peace of God be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Presider: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another with a sign of His peace.

Offertory: We Are the Light of the World

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
theirs's is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Christ, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Son of God

Blessed are those who are meek and humble,
they will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Christ, make us meek and humble;
Bless us, O Son of God.

Blessed are those who will mourn in sorrow,
they will be comforted.
Bless us, O Christ, when we share their sorrow;
Bless us, O Son of God.

Refrain:
We are the light of the world. May our light shine before all.
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice;
Bless us O Son of God.
Bless us, O Christ, hear our cry for justice;
Bless us, O Son of God

Blessed are those who show others mercy,
they will know mercy, too.
Bless us, O Christ, hear our cry for mercy;
Bless us, O Son of God.

Blessed are those who bring peace among us,
they are the children of God.
Bless us, O Christ, may your peace be with us;
bless us, O Son of God.
Repeat Refrain

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer; which earth has given and human hands have made, let it become the bread of life.
All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider or Deacon: By the mystery of this wine and water, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human labor. May it become the cup of Love.
All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside and now reunited on this table in bread and wine, O God, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Presider: Merciful God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Washing of the Hands
Presiders: Creator God, cleanse my heart, and open it to whatever You wish for me.

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that these gifts may be acceptable to God.
All: May God accept these gifts, for the praise and glory of Your name, for our good and the good of all Your Church.

Prayer over the Gifts
Presider: O God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to you. Bless + this bread and this wine and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.
All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (Offertory)
Deacon: God dwells in you.
All: And also with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.

Deacon: Come to the table with thankful hearts.
All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

Preface

Presider: All-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to
give you thanks through Jesus, the Christ.
In him you have renewed all things
and you have given us all a share in his riches.
Though his nature was divine, he stripped himself of glory
and by shedding his blood on the cross
he brought his peace to the world.
Therefore he was exalted above all creation.
And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven
we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise.
All: Holy, holy, holy God! God of wonder and awe; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon)

Presider: Blessed be your name, o God, for you have brightened the pages of history from our father Abraham even until now, with the light of faith and restless striving.
Blessed be your name, that name by which established gods are overthrown, established ways are challenged, established tyrannies are made to yield to freedom.
Blessed be your name whose claim to ultimate allegiance relieves despair and comforts suffering.
Blessed be you name, o God, a name that sparks the energies of people to master nature's forces and to build community as yet seen only in the vision of your word and the fragments of our care.
Blessed be your name, a name that we dare speak with Jesus, who is here among us as our brother, amazing grace of reconciling and forgiving love. Through him your Spirit breathes in every place stirring tribal, warring and divided humanity, to seek unlikely peace and unity.

Institutions

Presider: O God, you always loved the peoples of the world. When the time came for Christ to be glorified by you, he showed the depth of his love.

Presider: While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this all of you, and eat it:
This is my body. Do this in memory of me.

Presider: After supper in the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave thanks, blessed it and handed it to those at table and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It is poured out for you and for all.
Do this in memory of me.

Acclimation

All: Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of love, celebration and life.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing: ***Christ has died,***
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, now pour out your Holy Spirit:
+ in this bread, in this cup;
one in the body, one in the blood, one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in this world, in the world to come.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

Commemorations

Presider: Remember o God, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, rejuvenated by the Spirit and your Son. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember Christopher our bishop and all who minister in your church. Grant that the various ministries we share may be a sign of the unity in diversity that is your kingdom.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith are known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Conclusion

In addition, grant that we may find our inheritance, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, St Marguerite and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Great Amen

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold.
With Christ, may all creation be one.
In Christ, may all life be healed.
We eat this bread, we drink this cup.
We share as one body of Christ.
We give our thanks!
Amen, amen, amen!

Our Father

Deacon: Now let us praise, thank and petition our God, as Jesus the Christ taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Following Prayer

Presider: May we be blessed with wisdom and courage; with vision and resolve; and forever be committed to God's justice for all, love for everyone and peace to the world. Let us be faithful to God's grace all the days of our lives with grateful hearts.

Doxology

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This cup which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Peace,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Love,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Hope,
grant us peace.

Presider: May the union of divinity and humanity + in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

All: Amen.

Communion Prayer

All: Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood, free us from every evil. Keep us faithful to Your teaching and never let us be parted from You.

Presider: We will take the Bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Christ.

All: Jesus, you have made us worthy to receive you, by saying the word and healing us.

Presider: The gifts of God are given by Jesus who said: I am the bread of life; feed on Him in faith with thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Holy Communion - Communion Song

Communion: We Are Many Parts

Refrain:
We are many parts, we are all one body,
And the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one in deed;
One the love that we share, one our hope in despair,
One the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to You,
we would be Your servants true,
Let us be Your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too;
All is brought together in the Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.
Presider: (In peace) Let us pray (to our wondrous God):
A: Gracious and giving God, you are the One who has first given to us all that we needed for life. Guide us to use the gifts of your Word and Sacrament we have received from you today, for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Final Blessings

Deacon: Bow your heads and ask for God's blessing.

Blessing

Bishop: *Blessed be the name of God* ***All: Now and forever***
Bishop: *Our help is in the name of God* ***All: Who made Heaven and Earth.***

Presider: May Christ, the true light, shine upon you that you may walk in righteousness all your days.
All: Amen.

Presider: May the power of the Holy Spirit who empowers us sustain you. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May the salvation of God who loves us give you peace. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May Almighty God bless us: + Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended; let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear.
Of Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke.
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God."

Help then, O God, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound.
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found.