

2. FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES

These Masses may be used with the color violet when the Scrutinies for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil are celebrated at the time proper for them, namely, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. If, however, for pastoral reasons, the Scrutinies cannot take place on these Sundays, other appropriate weekdays may be chosen in Lent, or, whenever Baptism is to be conferred outside the Easter Vigil, also at other times of the year. Nevertheless, in the first Mass of the Scrutinies, the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is always read, in the second, that of the Man born blind, in the third, that of Lazarus, as given respectively for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

A

For the First Scrutiny

Entrance Antiphon

Ez 36: 23-26

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Or:

Cf. Is 55: 1

Come to the waters, you who are thirsty, says the Lord;
you who have no money, come and drink joyfully.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that these chosen ones may come worthily and wisely
to the confession of your praise,
so that in accordance with that first dignity
which they lost by original sin
they may be fashioned anew through your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

**May your merciful grace prepare your servants, O Lord,
for the worthy celebration of these mysteries
and lead them to it by a devout way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.**

The Preface of the Third Sunday of Lent is said (p. 237).

When the Roman Canon is used, in the section *Memento, Domine* (Remember, Lord, your servants) there is a commemoration of the godparents, and the proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray), is said.

Proper form of *Memento, Domine* (Remember, Lord, your servants):

**Remember, Lord, your servants
who are to present your chosen ones
for the holy grace of your Baptism,**

Here the names of the godparents are read out.

**and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you . . .**

Proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray):

**Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation
which we make to you for your servants,
whom you have been pleased
to enroll, choose and call for eternal life
and for the blessed gift of your grace.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)**

When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

**Remember also, Lord, your servants
who are to present these chosen ones
at the font of rebirth.**

When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words the entire people you have gained for your own, the following is added:

**Assist your servants with your grace,
O Lord, we pray,
that they may lead these chosen ones by word and example
to new life in Christ, our Lord.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 4: 14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him a spring
welling up to eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Give help, O Lord, we pray,
by the grace of your redemption
and be pleased to protect and prepare
those you are to initiate
through the Sacraments of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Samaritan Woman.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
 everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
 -ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For when he asked the
 Samaritan woman for wa-ter to drink, he had already created the
 gift of faith with-in her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith,
 that he kin-dled in her the fire of di-vine love. And so we, too,
 give you thanks and with the An-gels praise your mighty deeds,
 as we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

B

For the Second Scrutiny**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 25 (24): 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
give to your Church an increase in spiritual joy,
so that those once born of earth
may be reborn as citizens of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for those who seek salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of the Fourth Sunday of Lent is said (p. 247).

The commemoration of the godparents in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place as above (p. 1122) and, if the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said, as in the First Scrutiny (p. 1122).

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 9: 11, 38

The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Prayer after Communion

Sustain your family always in your kindness,
O Lord, we pray,
correct them, set them in order,
graciously protect them under your rule,
and in your unfailing goodness
direct them along the way of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Man Born Blind.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
 everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
 -ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. By the mystery of the
 Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in dark-ness
 into the ra-di-ance of the faith and has brought those born in
 slavery to an-cient sin through the waters of re-gen-er-a-tion
 to make them your a-dopt-ed chil-dren. There-fore, all creatures
 of heaven and earth sing a new song in ad-o-ra-tion, and we, with
 all the host of An-gels, cry out, and with-out end ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

C

For the Third Scrutiny**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 18 (17): 5-7

The waves of death rose about me;
the pains of the netherworld surrounded me.
In my anguish I called to the Lord;
and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

Collect

**Grant, O Lord, to these chosen ones
that, instructed in the holy mysteries,
they may receive new life at the font of Baptism
and be numbered among the members of your Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Prayer over the Offerings

**Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the first fruits of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.**

The Preface of the Fifth Sunday of Lent is said (p. 257).

The commemoration of the godparents in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place as above (p. 1122) and, if the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said, as in the First Scrutiny (p. 1122).

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11: 26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

**May your people be at one, O Lord, we pray,
and in wholehearted submission to you
may they obtain this grace:
that, safe from all distress,
they may readily live out their joy at being saved
and remember in loving prayer those to be reborn.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface: Lazarus.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
 everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
 -ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For as true man he wept for
 Laz-a-rus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb,
 just as, taking pity on the hu-man race, he leads us by sa-cred
 mys-ter-ies to new life. Through him the host of Angels a - dores
 your maj-es-ty and re-joic-es in your pres-ence for ev-er. May
 our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of ex - ult-ant
 praise, as we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .