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“A New Commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you.”

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. (*Ps 97:1-2*)

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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.

## FIRST READING

*One must pass through many troubles to enter the kingdom of God these includes all the inward struggles to be forgiving, to serve others to be generous with our time and money and it also demands total honesty in social activities.*

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the

kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

## Responsorial Psalm (145)

### R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

### R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

**R. I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

**R. I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

## SECOND READING

*This passage echoes Isaiah's words promise of new world a Holy City, set on hill. It in stills hopes in very believer that preaching the word leads on a marvellous imagery of new visions and thoughts that culminate with the history.*

### A reading from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

### ALLELUIA (Jn 13:34)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you." Alleluia!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said to his disciples, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## HOMILY

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## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** God has taught us to love one another. Out of love for all people, we now bring their needs before the Lord.

### **Response: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

1. That the Church and her leaders or Holy Father Pope Francis, our archbishop Bernard Moras, all the bishops. Priests and religious throughout the world may follow the example of the apostles, growing in faith despite any kind of trial. We pray to the Lord...

2. All those who aspire to public office, that they may learn that true power is found in service, and true wisdom is found in the Word of God. We pray to the Lord...

3. That the world may see clearly the love we have for the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and the unborn. We pray to the Lord...

4. For young people throughout the world, that they will manifest God's goodness in their lives, we pray to the Lord. That God may bless and prosper all the activities and organizations of our parish. We pray to the Lord...

5. For all who have died, that they may be purified of sin and share the joys of heaven. We pray to the Lord...

**Celebrant:** Father, we thank you for this time of worship. As you answer our prayers, deepen our love for you and one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE IV (Easter)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, everywhere exults in your praise and even the heavenly

Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**All:** *Holy, Holy, Holy ....*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. (*Jn 15:1, 5*)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

## REFLECTION

Jesus said to his apostles during the Last Supper "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" There are different types of love but there is no confusion in the language of the New Testament. When Jesus speaks about love it is always a special type of love, unselfish love, loving the other for the other's sake without anything in it for oneself.

The New Testament writers used the word "agape" to describe this special type of love. There are other types of love in the New Testament; there is what we nowadays call friendship, and there is also selfish sensual love. Whenever Jesus uses the word "love" he only talks of agape, unselfish love, which is also the love God has for us.

We might ask what is new in this

commandment of Jesus to love one another. The Old Testament asked to love your neighbour as yourself (Lev 19:18). Perhaps we could say what is new is that we are to love as Jesus loved us, and we know how Jesus loved us, to the last drop of his blood on Calvary. Perhaps we could say Jesus' commandment to love one another is new in the sense that unlike the Old Testament command which was to love only your neighbour, now everyone is our neighbour as Jesus taught us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). So loving our neighbour is without boundary now since Jesus. There is no such a thing as racism in Christianity; racism is contrary to Christ's new commandment

Loving in this new way is only possible in the New Covenant because we have the grace of Jesus in the Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation, and we have the Holy Spirit since Baptism and Confirmation. We have Jesus with us to help us love in his way.

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