The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 14, 2027
Everyone reads the words in bold.

Call to Worship

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving devotion;
according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain me with a willing spirit.

We want to see Jesus.
Lord, show us Your Son.

Opening Prayer

God of the new covenant, You promised to put Your law in our minds and write it on our hearts, to forgive our iniquities and remember our sins no more. Write on our hearts this morning. Jesus told us that unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a seed. In His earthly life He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears, and now His hour is near. Teach us to follow Him there, and to let go of what we cling to, so that our lives may bear fruit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Blessing

Go and follow Jesus toward His cross. He has said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to Myself." May He draw you near to Him this week. Amen.

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