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Mystagogical Reflection on the Collects of the *Roman Missal*
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2013

Collect:

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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.

Reflection:

This Collect, as all are, is introduced by the words “Let us pray” and followed by a few moments of silence to allow us to quietly compose our own prayers. These are then gathered or “collected” by the Priest and offered to God through Jesus Christ.

In today’s Collect we ask for help on the journey. Throughout Lent, we have the image of the disciples on the road to Jerusalem, of the pilgrim Church on a journey through the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.

In the Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we were asked to walk the journey with eager faith. In this Collect, we ask to walk the journey with eager love. With Jesus as our model, and knowing as he did what awaits us on the other side of pain and suffering, let us ask God’s help to become more deeply united with Christ, to become Christ-like in love, and to love the world as Jesus did.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, may your word penetrate my life. Make me more like you. Turn my doubt into eager love and my hesitant steps into loving actions on behalf of others.

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