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Mystagogical Reflection on Texts of the *Roman Missal***

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2014

Prayer after Communion:

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Reflection:

[Note: The readings given for Year A may always be used in place of the ones for Year B and Year C.]

One of the great, mysterious aspects of our faith is the understanding that the divinity can dwell within us. The Second Reading for Year A brings this out when Paul reminds us that the Spirit dwells within us (Rom 8:8-11). He reiterates this in Romans 12:5: “so we, though many, are one body in Christ.” Through the power of the Spirit we are united with him who “humbled himself to share in our humanity” (part of a quiet prayer during the Preparation of the Gifts). This is the theology of humanity.

As long as we remain faithful to him, we have some share in the power of the Spirit that enables us to be Church and, as “one holy, catholic and apostolic Church”, manifest the presence of Christ in the world.

Prayer:

Lord, Jesus Christ,
just as you restored life to Lazarus and brought him out of the tomb,
we pray that you, through the Spirit,
will renew us as ministers of your Word, and doers of your will.

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