

ORDER OF SERVICE: A SCRUTINY
Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent

After the Liturgy of the Word / Homily:

Elect and Godparents are called forward

Invitation to Silent Prayer

Presider invites the Assembly to pray silently

Presider invites the elect to kneel or bow

Sponsors place their hands on shoulders of the elect

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

Prayer (hands joined)

addressed to God the Father

Laying on of Hands (in silence)

to the Holy Spirit

Prayer (hands extended)

to Jesus Christ

Psalm or Song*

Dismissal of the Elect

options A, B, C, D

Celebration of the Eucharist

OPTIONAL CHANTS AFTER THE EXORCISM

- *Psalm 6* *Have mercy on me Lord, my strength is gone.*
- *Psalm 26* *O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes.*
- *Psalm 32* *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*
- *Psalm 38* *I acknowledge my guilt, I grieve over my sin.*
- *Psalm 39* *From all my sins deliver me*
- *Psalm 40* *Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.*
- *Psalm 51* *Create in me a clean heart, O Lord...*
- *Psalm 116:1-9* *I shall walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*
- *Psalm 130* *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption*
- *Psalm 139* *I praise you for I am wonderfully made.*
- *Psalm 142* *When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path.*

FOR FURTHER READING

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