



**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**  
**PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

**FIRST SCRUTINY**  
*March 4, 2018*

After the homily, the elect with their godparents come forward and stand before the celebrant. The celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

The celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them also to pray in silence and suggesting that as a sign of their inner spirit of repentance they bow their heads or kneel; he concludes his remarks with the following words:

Each godparent will place his/her right hand on the elect's right shoulder.

**Celebrant:**

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray. (PAUSE) Let us pray for these elect whom the Church has confidently chosen. May they successfully complete their long preparation and at the paschal feast find Christ in his sacraments.

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Deacon or Lector:**

That they may ponder the word of God in their hearts and savor its meaning more fully day by day, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may learn to know Christ, who came to save what was lost, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may humbly confess themselves to be sinners, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may sincerely reject everything in their lives that is displeasing and contrary to Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit, who searches every heart, may help them to overcome their weakness through his power, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the same Holy Spirit may teach them to know the things of God and how to please him, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That their families also may put their hope in Christ and find peace and holiness in him, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That we ourselves in preparation for the Easter feast may seek a change of heart, give ourselves to prayer, and persevere in our good works, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That throughout the whole world whatever is weak may be strengthened, whatever is broken restored, whatever is lost found, and what is found redeemed, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Exorcism**

#### **Celebrant:**

All-merciful Father, through your Son, you revealed your mercy to the woman of Samaria; and moved by that same care, you have offered salvation to all sinners. Look favorably on these elect, who desire to become your adopted children through the power of your sacraments. Free them from the slavery of sin, and for Satan's crushing yoke exchange the gentle yoke of Jesus. Protect them in every danger, that they may serve you faithfully in peace and joy, and render you thanks forever.

**All:** Amen.

The celebrant lays hands on each one of the elect. The celebrant returns to his place and continues with hands outstretched over the elect.

**Celebrant:**

Lord Jesus, in your merciful wisdom, you touched the heart of the sinful woman and taught her to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Now, by your power, free these elect from the cunning of Satan, as they draw near to the fountain of living water.

Touch their hearts with the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may come to know the Father in true faith, which expresses itself in love, for you live and reign forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Dismissal of the Elect**

**Celebrant:**

My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply upon the word of God which you have shared with us today. Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. We look forward to the day when you will share fully in the Lord's Table.

*OR*

**Celebrant:**

Dear elect, go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.

**Elect:** Amen.

## **SECOND SCRUTINY**

*March 11, 2018*

After the homily, the elect with their godparents come forward and stand before the celebrant. The celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

The celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them also to pray in silence and suggesting that as a sign of their inner spirit of repentance they bow their heads or kneel; he concludes his remarks with the following words:

Each godparent will place his/her right hand on the elect's right shoulder.

### **Celebrant:**

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray. (PAUSE) Let us pray for these elect whom God has called, that they may remain faithful to Him and boldly give witness to the words of eternal life.

### **Intercessions for the Elect**

#### **Deacon or Lector:**

That God may dispel the darkness and be the light that shines in the hearts of our elect, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That He may gently lead them to Christ, the light of the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That our elect may open their hearts to God and acknowledge him as the source of light and the witness of truth, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That He may heal them and preserve them from the unbelief of this world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That, saved by Him who takes away the sins of the world, they may be freed from the contagion and forces of sin, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they may never fail to profess the Good News of salvation and share it with others, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of us, by the example of our lives, may become in Christ the light of the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That every inhabitant of the earth may acknowledge the true God, the Creator of all things, who bestows upon us the gifts of Spirit and life, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Exorcism**

#### **Celebrant:**

Father of mercy, you led the man born blind to the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in your Son. Free these elect from the false values that surround and blind them. Set us firmly in your truth, children of the light forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

*The celebrant lays hands on each one of the elect.*

*The celebrant returns to his place and continues with hands outstretched over the elect.*

#### **Celebrant:**

Lord Jesus, you are the true light that enlightens the world. Through your Spirit of truth free those who are enslaved by the father of lies. Stir up the desire for good in these elect, whom you have chosen for your sacraments. Let them rejoice in your light, that they may see, and, like the man born blind whose sight you restored, let them prove to be staunch and fearless witnesses to the faith, for you are Lord for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Dismissal of the Elect**

**Celebrant:**

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*OR*

**Celebrant:**

Dear elect, go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.

**Elect:** Amen.

## **THIRD SCRUTINY**

*March 18, 2018*

After the homily, the elect with their godparents come forward and stand before the celebrant. The celebrant first addresses the assembly of the faithful, inviting them to pray in silence and to ask that the elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

The celebrant then addresses the elect, inviting them also to pray in silence and suggesting that as a sign of their inner spirit of repentance they bow their heads or kneel; he concludes his remarks with the following words:

Each godparent will place his/her right hand on the elect's right shoulder.

### **Celebrant:**

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray. (PAUSE) Let us pray for these elect whom God has chosen. May the grace of the Sacraments conform them to Christ in his Passion and Resurrection and enable them to triumph over the bitter fate of death.

### **Intercessions for the Elect**

#### **Deacon or Cantor:**

That these elect may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the Resurrection and the Life, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be freed from sin and grow in holiness that leads to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That liberated by repentance from the shackles of sin they may become like Christ by baptism, dead to sin and alive for ever in God's sight, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit and prepare themselves thoroughly for their birth to new life, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Eucharistic food, which they are soon to receive, may make them one with Christ, the source of life and of resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of us may walk in newness of life and show to the world the power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That all the world may find Christ, and acknowledge in Him, the promises of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Exorcism**

#### **Celebrant:**

Father of life, and God not of the dead but of the living, you sent your Son to proclaim life, to snatch us from the realm of death, and to lead us to resurrection. Free these elect from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil, so that they may bear witness to their new life in the risen Christ, for he lives and reigns forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

*The celebrant lays hands on each one of the elect.*

*The celebrant returns to his place and continues with hands outstretched over the elect.*

#### **Celebrant:**

Lord Jesus, by raising Lazarus from the dead, you showed that you came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Free from the grasp of death those who await your life-giving sacraments and deliver them from the spirit of corruption. Through your Spirit, who gives life, fill them with faith, hope and charity, that they may live with you always in the glory of your resurrection, for you are Lord forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.



## **Dismissal of the Elect**

### **Celebrant:**

My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply upon the word of God which you have shared with us today. Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. We look forward to the day when you will share fully in the Lord's Table.

*OR*

### **Celebrant:**

Dear elect, go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.

**Elect:** Amen.