

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## THE ORDER OF MASS

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### OPENING HYMN

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

## GREETING

■ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

■ Amen.

■ The Lord be with you.

■ And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

■ Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

*Then all recite together the formula of general confession:*

■ I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

- May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.
- Amen.

## KYRIE

*The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.*

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*

(Invocation) Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*

(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*

(Invocation) Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest:* May almighty God...everlasting life.

*Assembly:*

A - men.

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## COLLECT

■ O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray,  
that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever

■ Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,  
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,  
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,  
because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see,  
because man sees the appearance  
but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,  
but Samuel said to Jesse,

"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse,

"Are these all the sons you have?"

Jesse replied,

"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse,

"Send for him;

we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold  
and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said,

"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,

anointed David in the presence of his brothers;

and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

■ The word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, R.*

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

## SECOND READING

*Eph 5: 8-14*

Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of goodness  
and righteousness and truth.  
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;  
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention  
the things done by them in secret;  
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,  
for everything that becomes visible is light.  
Therefore, it says:  
"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light."

■ The word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

### ***"GOSPEL ACCLAMATION"***

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life. **R.**

## G O S P E L

## *John 9: 1-41*

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.  
His disciples asked him,  
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,  
that he was born blind?"  
Jesus answered,  
"Neither he nor his parents sinned;  
it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.  
We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.  
Night is coming when no one can work.  
While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
When he had said this, he spat on the ground  
and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes,  
and said to him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.  
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,  
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"  
Some said, "It is, "  
but others said, "No, he just looks like him."  
He said, "I am."  
So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"  
He replied,  
"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes  
and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'  
So I went there and washed and was able to see."  
And they said to him, "Where is he?"  
He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.  
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.  
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.  
He said to them,  
"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."  
So some of the Pharisees said,  
"This man is not from God,  
because he does not keep the sabbath."  
But others said,  
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"  
And there was a division among them.  
So they said to the blind man again,  
"What do you have to say about him,  
since he opened your eyes?"  
He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe  
that he had been blind and gained his sight  
until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.  
They asked them,  
"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?  
How does he now see?"  
His parents answered and said,  
"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.  
We do not know how he sees now,  
nor do we know who opened his eyes.  
Ask him, he is of age;  
he can speak for himself."  
His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews,  
for the Jews had already agreed  
that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,  
he would be expelled from the synagogue.  
For this reason his parents said,  
"He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind  
and said to him, "Give God the praise!  
We know that this man is a sinner."  
He replied,  
"If he is a sinner, I do not know.  
One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."  
So they said to him,

"What did he do to you?  
How did he open your eyes?"  
He answered them,  
"I told you already and you did not listen.  
Why do you want to hear it again?  
Do you want to become his disciples, too?"  
They ridiculed him and said,  
"You are that man's disciple;  
we are disciples of Moses!  
We know that God spoke to Moses,  
but we do not know where this one is from."  
The man answered and said to them,  
"This is what is so amazing,  
that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.  
We know that God does not listen to sinners,  
but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.  
It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.  
If this man were not from God,  
he would not be able to do anything."  
They answered and said to him,  
"You were born totally in sin,  
and are you trying to teach us?"  
Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
He answered and said,  
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"  
Jesus said to him,  
"You have seen him,  
the one speaking with you is he."  
He said,  
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.  
Then Jesus said,  
"I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this  
and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"  
Jesus said to them,  
"If you were blind, you would have no sin;  
but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

■ I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow,  
up to and including and became man, all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- ...**W**e pray to the Lord.
- ...**L**ord, hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

■ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

■ Blessed be God for ever.  
By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

■ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

■ Blessed be God for ever.

With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

■ Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

■ May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

# OFFERTORY HYMN

## We Remember

### Refrain



We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,  
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;  
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come  
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we  
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

### Verses

4. See the face of Christ re - vealed In  
yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed;  
bring the bread and wine to share a meal:  
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,  
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side:  
Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.  
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.  
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.  
Gifts to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.'" data-bbox="192 512 782 810"/>

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls Are  
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, We  
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" To  
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed In  
yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed;  
bring the bread and wine to share a meal:  
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,  
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side:  
Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.  
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Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.  
Gifts to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,  
praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting,  
for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

■ Amen.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

■ The Lord be with you.

■ And with your spirit.

■ Lift up your hearts.

■ We lift them up to the Lord.

■ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

■ It is right and just.

■ It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation... And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The musical score is written on five staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It begins with a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est."

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■...**T**HE mystery of faith.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain."

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*The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings or says:*

■ Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

AMEN



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*The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:*

■ At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer, consisting of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A musical score for the Priest's prayer. It is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

■ Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who said to your Apostles:  
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
 look not on our sins,  
 but on the faith of your Church,  
 and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

■ Amen.

■ The peace of the Lord be with you always

■ And with your spirit.

*Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:*

■ Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The people exchange a sign of peace, according to local custom.*

## LAMB OF GOD

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is presented in three systems. The first system is for the Cantor, starting in 3/4 time and transitioning to 2/4. The second system is for the Assembly, starting in 4/4 time and transitioning to 3/4. The third system is for the Assembly, starting in 4/4 time and transitioning to 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.'

*Cantor:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:* world, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time* world, grant us peace.

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*The faithful kneel after the "Agnus Dei" unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise.*

■ Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

■ Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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*“Prayer of St. Patrick”*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray,  
with the splendor of your grace,  
that we may always ponder  
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

■ Amen.

■ The Lord be with you.

■ And with your spirit.

■ May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

■ Amen.

## City of God

Verses 1, 2

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your  
 2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh - ters of

sleep! A new day is dawn - ing  
 day. The One who has loved us

for all those who weep. The peo - ple in  
 has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all

dark - ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our  
 kind - ness has called us to be a light for his

long - ing has con- quered the night.  
 peo - ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit - y of God. May our tears be  
 turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our  
 love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3

3. God is light; in him there is no  
 dark - ness. Let us walk in his light, his

chil - dren, one and all.

O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my cit-y

the day of her birth. **D.S.**

Verse 4

4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice. Pro-claim the good tid - ings

that all may re - jice! **D.S.**

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