

OUR LADY OF GRACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 14, 2021



THE LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD

Listen, Believe, Receive

Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom.

*I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord".
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

*Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.*

*As for me, I trust in your merciful love. Let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.
I will sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE

ALL: 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.
(all strike their breast as they say:)
Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
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.



OPENING PRAYER

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16;19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon,

where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,

both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

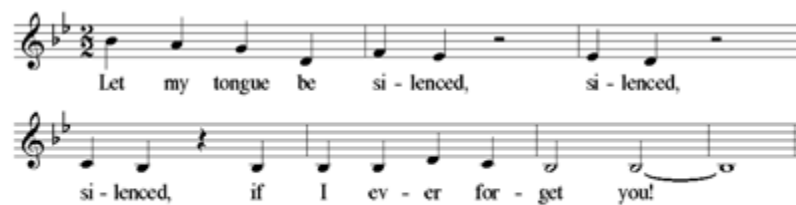
The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

L. Mayernik



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SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Verse: *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.*

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

THE 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,

(all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(all stand)

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.

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

For the Church: that all may continue to grow in relationship with Christ and bring God's unbounded love to the human family by our deeds of light;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all in leadership positions throughout the world, that they would work for peace and justice among those they serve;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the grace of conversion: that we may lament our selfishness and hurtful deeds and surrender them to God in the sacrament of penance;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are suffering: that they may know God's unending love through those who will bring food to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and jobs to the unemployed;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our catechumens, that as they journey to baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, they grow in love and fidelity to Jesus;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

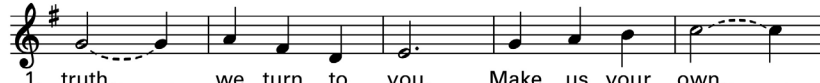
For those approaching Confirmation and First Communion this spring, that Christ will reveal himself more and more help them to live faithfully as children of the light;
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are suffering in illness and for their caregivers. We lift up:
Victoria Schreiber
Jim Duffy
Jay Heffern
Amanda Glazer
Eric Brekke (BRECK-ee)
Lauren Finley
Tom Feller
Avery Nelson
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

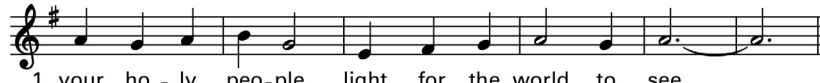
For all who have died: that their faith in Jesus will bring them into the fullness of eternal life. We remember:
Veronica Nkansah (Na-kan-sah) Amponsah, mother of Father Sylvester
Mark Comstock
John Small, Brother of Margaret Pfohl
Mary Cain Remily, Sister of Richard Pfohl
Susanne Aldrich, daughter of Sheila Schuman
We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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ORATE FRATRES

Presider: Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: 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.

Please stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

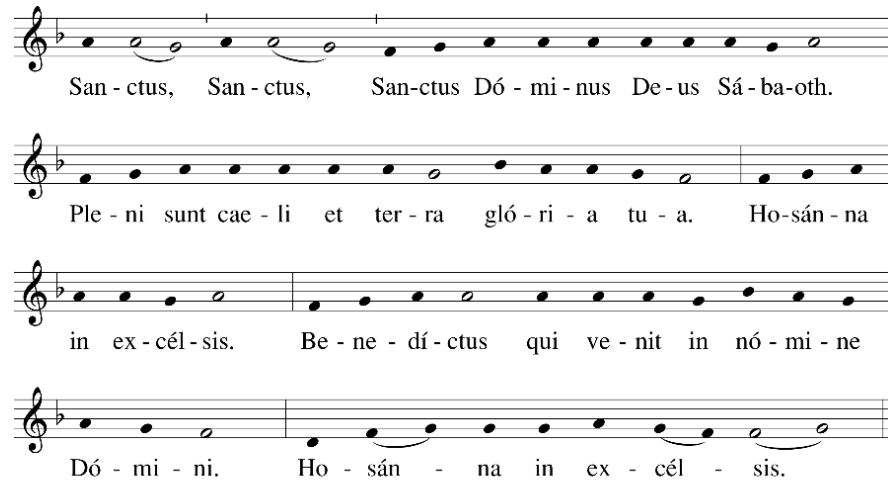
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER RESPONSES

Sanctus

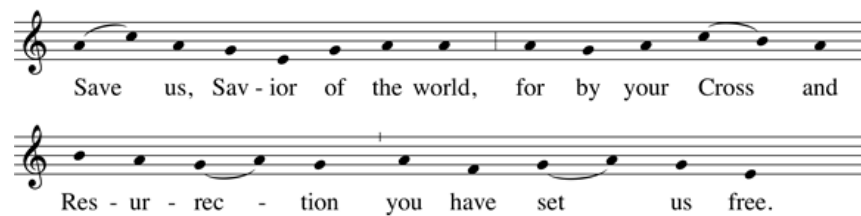


San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na
in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

(Please kneel)

Memorial Acclamation



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Music: *The Roman Missal*
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Response to the Doxology

Please stand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD



Cantor: A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
All: A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Please kneel.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...supper of the Lamb.

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

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their love for Jesus Christ and their desire to be united with him at that moment, but where circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to pray this prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

*God So Loved the World
Amazing Grace*

B. Chilcott
New Britain

COMMUNION CHANT

Jerusalem, quæ adificatur

Ps 122: 3-4

Jerusalem, built as a city whose parts are bound firmly together! It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto your name, O Lord.

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Jerusalem, My Destiny

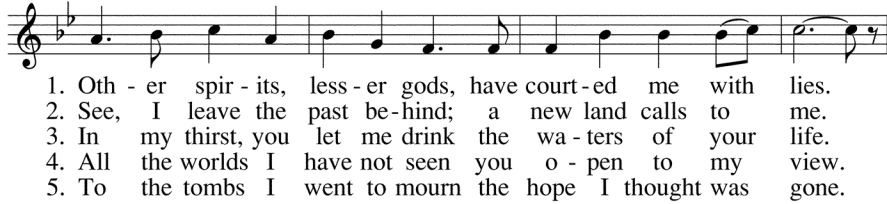
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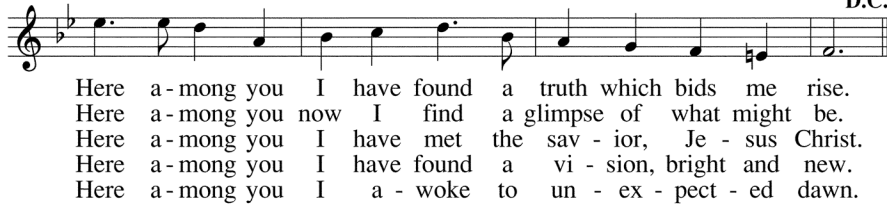
I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
 des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
 can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
 way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
 no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
 2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
 3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
 4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.



Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
 Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
 Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.
 Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
 Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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 Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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A Light Shining in the Darkness

This Sunday, we are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the livestream Mass ministry, which began in the wake of mandatory shutdowns and the ominous uncertainty of COVID-19. John's gospel proclaims that "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5). We can say the same here at OLG in the past year!

From reworking schedules to adapting physical spaces to adding virtual and distance ministry options, we've seen so much creativity and innovation amidst this year's challenges! Here are some noteworthy highlights:

Bringing Faith to those At Home—Ever since its launch on March 14, 2020, our livestream has enabled our community to continue in worship and sacraments together, celebrating our beautiful Catholic liturgy and cherished life milestones through over 300 services including: Masses (87—Sunday, Holy Days and School), First Communions (117 students), Confirmations (101 students), Weddings (89) and Funerals (126).

Reaching the Faithful from Near and Far—Our livestreamed worship services have received over 143,000 views, of which 74.3% comes from viewers here in the U.S. The remaining 25.7% represents people who have streamed from over 42 other countries around the world! Minnesotans account for 52% of the total viewership, and beyond state lines, our ministry has extended to people in an additional 35 of our 50 states.

Providing Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment—With the circumstances only increasing the need for spiritual support and enrichment, we prioritized finding creative ways to continue to grow together in faith and deepen in relationship with Christ. Some examples are: the Men's Club Mini-Retreat, Women's Morning of Reflection, Celebrate Marriage Night and Adorers Day of Enrichment.

Increasing Opportunities to Receive the Sacraments—Keeping the Sacraments central to our community life, we expanded and reinvented ways to provide Reconciliation, Communion and Anointing of the Sick in light of safety precautions. We celebrated outdoor Masses throughout the summer, hosted drive-thru events like Grace Day, Christmas Communion Curbside and Ash + Dash and added 3 additional hours every week for reconciliation.

Caring for Our Neighbors—Over the last year, Senior Connect volunteers placed over 10,000 calls to reach out to parishioners 70 and older, making sure that they had much-needed support and care—everything from a listening ear to assistance in scheduling grocery deliveries. In June we hosted our first-ever Community Ministries Supplies Drive serving 7 different local organizations and launched a new ministry in partnership with St. Albert's to collect food and household essentials for those with limited access to stores and pharmacies.

We are so thankful for the support and generosity of all our parishioners that allowed the light to shine brightly during this past year. There is so much to celebrate! Thank you for being a part of this historic year with us.

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