

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Opening Song: Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers) ... BB402

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

VS1 I am weak and I need thy strength
And pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me oh Lord, lead me.

VS2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me oh Lord, lead me.

VS3 I am lost if you take your hand from me.
I am blind without thy might to see,
Lord just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me oh Lord, lead me.

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)

First Reading

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

God 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 God's anointed is here."

But God said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as humans see does God see, because human persons see the appearance but God looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "Our God 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.
And God said, "There—anooint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anoointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the Most High God rushed upon David.
The Word of our God.

Responsorial : Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen) (V1,V2,V5) ... G29

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Vs. 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.

VS. 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.

Vs. 5: Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Sisters and brothers:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in God.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to God.
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 our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB900 & H/O

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)
VS. Renew this world with the light of life;
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me, will have the light of life; - will have the light of life.
Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

Disciple: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus: "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 work 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."

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"

Narrator: —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,

Voice 1: "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Voice 2: "It is, "

Voice 1: "No, he just looks like him."

Blind Man: "I am."

Voice 1 and 2: "How were your eyes opened?"

Blind Man: "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."

Voice 1 and 2: "Where is he?"

Blind Man: "I don't know."

Narrator: 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,

Blind Man: "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

Narrator: So some of the Pharisees said,

Voice 1: "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

Narrator: But others said,

Voice 2: "How can a sinful man do such signs?"

Narrator: And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again,

Voice 1: "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

Blind Man: "He is a prophet."

Narrator: Now the Jewish leaders 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,

Voice 2: "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

Narrator: His parents answered and said,

Voice 1: "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."

Narrator: His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, for the Jewish leaders had already agreed that if The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of light, hear our prayer.
(God of light, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may be light and source of wisdom for all who

are struggling to recognize good from evil, truth from lies, and selfless love from self-serving activity, let us pray...

For all who are bound by the blindness of prejudice: that God will open our eyes to the value and dignity of each human person, let us pray...

For reconciliation among communities of faith: that we may each repent of past wrongs and work together to confront evil and violence in the world, let us pray...

For all those touched by the generosity of Catholic Relief Services throughout the world, that they may feel comfort, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

(after the intentions and Fr. Jack's prayer, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of 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 forever.

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 forever.

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.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Prep: I Received the Living God (trad.) ... BB320

Refrain

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.
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1.

Jesus said: "I am the Bread
Kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me
Need not ever fear to die."

2.

Jesus said: "I am the Way,
And my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home
To be one with him anew."

3.

Jesus said: "I am the Truth;
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
And my word shall make you free."

4.

Jesus said: "I am the Life
Far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this living bread,
And my Spirit you shall know."

Service Music:

Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB917

Mem: Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman)

Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB921

Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo)

Communion1: Bread for the World (Farrell) ... G596

Bread for the world
A world of hunger
Wine for all peoples
People who thirst
May we who eat
Be bread for others
May we who drink
Pour out our love

Vs. 1: Lord Jesus Christ
You are the bread of life
Broken to reach
And heal the wounds
Of human pain
Where we divide your people
You are waiting there
On bended knee
To wash our feet with endless care

Vs. 2: Lord Jesus Christ
You are the wine of peace
Poured into hearts once broken
And where dryness sleeps
Where we are tired and weary
You are waiting there
To be the way which beckons us
Beyond despair

Vs. 3: Lord Jesus Christ
You call us to your feast
At which the rich and pow'rful
Have become the least
Where we survive on others
In our human greed
You walk among us
Begging for your ev'ry need

Communion2: Be Thou My Vision (trad. - updated) ... H/O

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word:
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my heart's great love, and I am Thine own,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight. Thou my

soul's shelter, and Thou my great tow'r, O raise
Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught is all else to me, save that Thou art.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: In These Days of Lenten Journey (Manalo) (V2) ... BB129

In these days of Lenten journey

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

2. We open our eyes to the hungry,
and see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
may their faith in our God be renewed.