

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022

Entrance Hymn: All Are Welcome (BB 420)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end division.

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus, **Refrain**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

Kyrie

You raise the dead to life in the spirit, Kyrie Eleison
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner, Christe Eleison
You bring light to those in darkness, Kyrie Eleison.

Collect

Let us pray:

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 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

A reading from the first Book of Joshua

The Most High God said to Joshua,
“Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.”

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month.

On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased.

No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

The Word of our God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

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I will bless the Lord at all times, God’s praise ever in my mouth.

Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad. **Refrain**

Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God’s name.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **Refrain**

Look to God that you might be radiant with joy, and your faces free from all shame.

The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress. **Refrain**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world in Christ, not counting our trespasses against us and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

“Renew this world, with the light of life;
‘I am the light of the world,’ says the Lord.
‘Who ever follows me will have the light of life;
... will have the light of life.’”

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

Gospel Luke `15:1-3, 11-32

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So to them Jesus addressed this parable: “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’

So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' "

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

The older son became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

The father said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Good News of salvation.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

Universal Intercessions

Response: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

(Merciful God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may be ambassadors of Christ, bringing God's message of mercy and salvation to all who are wounded or alienated, especially the LGBTQIA Community, let us pray...

For freedom from our resentments and self-righteousness: that we may surrender our hurts and resentments to God who calls us to reconciliation and freedom, let us pray...

For young people who have run away from their families: that God will protect them from harm and give them the courage to make contact again, let us pray...

For government leaders: that God will give them wisdom to understand the issues before them and guide them in finding ways for peace in Ukraine, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts O God, You Search Me (BB 438)

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me: In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Offertory Prayers

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.

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 (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

Service Music: Mass of Christ the Savior (BB 917)

Spiritual Communion

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

Our Father

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

Family: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Leader: Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Leader: 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 forever and ever.

Family: Amen.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to **kneel** if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

Leader: Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

All: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.
Amen.

Leader: Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

All: O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

Leader: With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in 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 unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song: Taste and See (BB 338)

Refrain

Taste and see, O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of God

Glory, glory to God most high, glory, blessing and praise.

With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God, who hears the cry of all in need. **Refrain**

Who has fashioned the earth and sky, who created the deep,

Who exalts the lowly and sets captives free, who opens the door to all those who seek. **Refrain**

Oh, the love of God! Become flesh of our flesh, so that we might live in glory! **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song: Lord, I Need You(H/O)

Lord I come, I confess Bowing here, I find my rest

Without You, I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Refrain

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me **Refrain**

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

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**

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Sending: Lift Up Your Hearts (BB563)

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!" **Refrain**

Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name! **Refrain**

God's right hand made a path through the night, split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lit up your voice: "Our God set us free!" **Refrain**