

Sunday, March 15, 2026, Year A
4th Sunday of Lent

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (V4) ... BB131

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

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On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

Kyrie Eleison: Mass of John Carroll (Joncas) ... H/O

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial: Be With Me-Ps51 (Hurd) ... H/O & 204-pews

Refrain: Be with me when I am in trouble,
God most high, when I am in need.
Be my refuge, be my dwelling place.

Vs. 1) You who find a shelter in the Most High,
Say to God; "My refuge and my stronghold".

Vs. 2) No distress or evil shall befall you;
God and all the angels walk beside you.

Vs. 3) Lest you dash your foot against a stone,
Angels of the Lord will carry you in their arms.

Vs. 4) For your love of me I will protect you;
In your time of trouble I will be with you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

“Praise and Honor to you O Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Homily

Second Scrutiny 10am: We Will Journey in Faith (Schutte) ... H/O & 213-pews

1-Invited forward: (Refrain1) *“We will journey in faith by the light of Christ, and will live by his Gospel in spirit and truth.*

2-After prayer over elect: (V3) *“We await with our ears the voice of Christ, who calls us the children of God.”*

(V4) *“We behold with our eyes the face of Christ, who shows us the mercy of God.”*

3-Conclusion of rite: (Refrain2) *“May you journey in faith by the light of Christ.*

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...

That, as our elect open their hearts, they may confess God as the source of light and the witness of truth, let us pray...

That, trusting in the truth of Christ, our elect may attain and ever preserve freedom of mind and heart, let us pray...

That, set free in the power of the Holy Spirit, our elect may be converted from fear to trust, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Open My Eyes (Manibusan) BB418

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

And the first shall be last
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways
And we'll see God's face in places we've never known

I live within You
Deep in Your heart, oh love
I live within You
Rest now in me

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Help me to see Your face
Help me to hear
Help me to hear Your voice
Help me to love

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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.**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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.)

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB897**

**Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB901**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB9052**

**Communion: Take and Eat (Joncas) ... BB364**

**Refrain**

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that dies to be reborn;

I am the bread that comes from heaven above. I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **Refrain**

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **Refrain**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day.

You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

**Refrain**

## **Communion Meditation: Purify My Heart (Kauffman) ... H/O & 209**

(Refrain) Put a new, right spirit here within me,  
Purify my heart, purify my heart.  
Restore the joy of your salvation,  
Purify my heart, purify my heart.  
Wash me Lord and I will be clean.

(V1) Have mercy on me Lord, according to your love,  
take every sin and fault away from me.  
Longing to be whole again, sanctify my soul again,  
and I, I will be free.

(V2) Against you have I done what is evil in your sight,  
you would be so right to cast me out.  
But let these wretched bones walk in steps of only hope,  
return me to you now.

(V3) I will teach your ways of deliverance,  
to hearts yearning for true love.  
My tongue will ever praise your presence,  
present to me now.

### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,  
Thanks be to God.

### **Sending: Song of St. Patrick (Haugen) (V1,V4,V5) ... G505**

Refrain: May the spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,  
Be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.

Vs1.) Christ be ever before us, Christ be ever behind us,  
Christ be ever within us.

Vs. 4) Let us be God's light in darkness,  
Let us be God's kindness, Let us be God's justice and mercy,  
Hands and feet of Christ.

Vs. 5) God creator, bless and keep us, Christ be ever near us,  
Spirit be the light before us, gentle be our pathway.