

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Gathering: As We Gather at Your Table (trad.) ... BB311**

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table  
As we listen to Your word  
Help us know O God Your presence  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Till we claim it as our own  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life  
Send us forth to love and serve You  
Bringing peace where there is strife  
Give us Christ Your great compassion  
To forgive as You forgave  
May we still behold Your image  
In the world You died to save

Verse 3

Gracious Spirit help us  
Summon other guests  
To share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least  
There no more will envy  
Blind us nor will pride  
Our peace destroy  
As we join with saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy

**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—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 Most High God rushed upon David.

### **The word of God.**

#### **Responsorial: The Lord Is My Shepherd-Ps23 (Crandal) ... BB743**

##### **Refrain**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Vs. 1:** 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. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Refrain**

**Vs. 4:** 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. **Refrain**

## **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 God**

### **Lenten Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

## **Gospel Reading**

### **A reading from the Gospel according to John**

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 God's will, God listens to that person.

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.

## **The Good News of Salvation.**

### **Homily**

#### **Scrutinies 1 (Newly Elected): O God, Hear Us (Hurd) ... H/O**

O God hear us, hear our prayer.  
O God hear us, hear our prayer.

(V2) May we be your justice, may we be your kindness and truth.  
May we be your mercy. Hear us O God.

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **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**

### **Preparation of Gifts**

#### **Offertory: Tree of Life (Haugen) (V1,V4,V6a,V6e) ... G288**

##### **Tree of Life**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of history,  
Still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
Come inflame our hearts anew,  
We may all your joy inherit  
If we bear the cross with you,  
If we bear the cross with you.

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
Mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
Give new strength to our believing,  
Give us faith to live your word.

Give us faith to live your word..

Give us eyes to see you clearly,  
Make us children of your light;  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
As your gospel shining bright.  
As your gospel shining bright.

~~~~~

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.)*

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB900**

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

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB904**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB905**

**Communion 1: Behold the Body of Christ (Manalo) ... BB356**

Vs. 1) In the presence of our God, as we gather here in Christ, feel the Spirit breathe upon us, the breath of life, graced and divine.

We have come to break the bread; we have come to share our lives. Let us bring these fruits to the table, the love of God, yours and mine!



*Refrain*

Ang Katawan Ni Kristo (2x) Behold the Body of Christ, Jesus our Saviour and Life! Rejoice O people of God! We are the Body of Christ!

Vs. 2) When we gather in our homes, through our prayers and our meals, we are fed and nourished together, our families, broken and blessed.

In the household of the Lord, where we come to share the meal, we are fed the words of our Saviour, one family, strengthened and healed. (Refrain)

*Bridge:*

Is not the meal that we bless and share a communion in the life of Christ? One bread, one blessing, one cup make us one body in our Lord. In the presence of our God, by the justice that is shown, We will build a kingdom together; The love of Christ given to all (Refrain)

Vs. 3) In the presence of our God, by the justice that is shown, we will build a kingdom together, the love of Christ given to all.

**Communion2: Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (trad./Tomlin) ... BB571**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love  
Amazing grace

Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Then when we'd first begun.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending: 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.