

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

GATHERING: *We focus our attention on the cross of Jesus Christ*

PENITENTIAL ACT: *Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD see [Readings](#)

Responsorial Psalm 23: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

Gospel Refrain: *Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.*

The Second Scrutiny:

After homily, Fr. Romeo introduces the scrutiny.

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we join with our RCIA candidates and elect in taking a closer look at ourselves. Let us pray silently for a moment, that all of us will be given a sense of sin, a spirit of repentance, and true freedom as children of God. *(silent prayer)*

I now invite our elect to come forward with their sponsors.

Let us pray for these elect whom God has called,

that they may remain faithful to him and boldly give witness to the words of eternal life.

Let us all ask ourselves:

- Where is darkness in our minds and hearts? *Silent reflection (followed by sung refrain)*
- How can we be more open to receive the healing that Jesus promises?
Silent reflection (followed by sung refrain)
- How have we grown in seeing more clearly on our journey of faith?
Silent reflection (followed by sung refrain)

Exorcism

Father of mercy,

you led the man born blind to the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in your Son.

Free these elect from the false values that surround and blind them.

Set them firmly in your truth, children of the light forever. (Amen.)

Laying of Hands over the Elect/Candidates

Let us pray:

Christ Jesus, come and open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts
to receive the healing that we so desperately need.

We believe beyond believing that you are new sight and new life for us
when we trust in you and relinquish our lives to your care and protection.

Come now, heal the darkness of our lives. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790.
Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

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 unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Communion Song:

You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice. Be still, and know I am near.
2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.

3. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My name.

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk, and live!

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Sending Forth Song:

Jerusalem, My Destiny

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.

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