FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 30, 2025

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.

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. 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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