

Church of the Resurrection

March 19th, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare Sunday"

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all you who were in mourning;
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*



Gathering Song: Save Us, O Lord

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Refrain

Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!
2. How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord, God of hosts!

Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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

The LORD 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 the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel:
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD 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.
The LORD 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 LORD rushed upon David.
The Word of the Lord
R: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is My Shepherd.

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R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading- Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
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 the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the
light of life.

Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL – John 9:1-41

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 his will, he listens to him.

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 Word of the Lord
R: Thanks be to God.

Song for the Preparation of the Gifts – Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art: Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, they presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and
Thou with me, Lord: Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in
me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise. Thou mine
inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High
King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Holy

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free, you have set us free.

Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly 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.

Song for Communion – Taste and See

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Refrain

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

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; My soul shall glory in the Lord for he has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise his name. I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free.
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God is good; in him we need put all our trust.



The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw, and I believed in God.

Song of Sending Forth – Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone

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.

Refrain

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.

