



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

Introductory Rites

Gathering

Tree of Life

1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, In your
4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -

death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -

his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bear the cross with you.

4th Sunday: 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.

Penitential Act

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son, Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son,

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son, e - lé - i - son, e - lé - i - son. *Last time*

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Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 / 32

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the Lord's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the Lord, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the Lord against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God. Cre-

ate in me a clean heart, O God.

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1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion, blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.
4. For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse; my sacrifice, a contrite spirit, a humbled, contrite heart you would not spurn.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved –, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.

Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Homily

Profession of Faith

Prayers of the Faithful (Rx: **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand



sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 me, His word my hope se - cures;
 snares, I have al - read - y come;
 years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am
 How pre - cious did that grace ap -
 He will my shield and por - tion
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
 We've no less days to sing God's



found; Was blind, but now I see.
 pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 be As long as life en - dures.
 far, And grace will lead me home.
 praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
 claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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Great Amen



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Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Cantor: *All:*

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

Communion Song

Jesus, The Lord (Instrumental)

Text: *Jesus Prayer*, Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 17:28; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949
Tune: Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949; arr. by Rick Modlin, b.1966
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Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

Silence