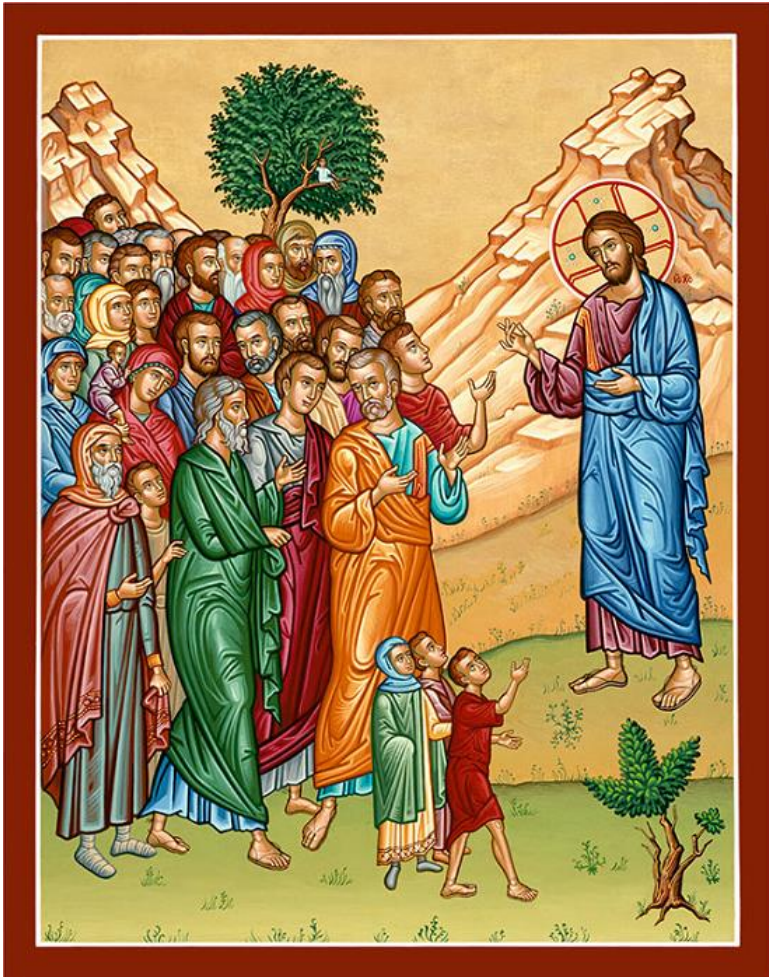


# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“He began to teach them, saying:  
‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’”*

(Cycle A)

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

### We Are the Light of the World (Verses 1-4)



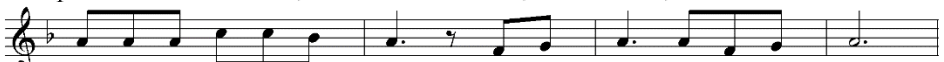
1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,
7. Bless - ed are they who bring peace a - mong us,
8. Bless those Who suf - fer - from per - se - cu - tion,



1. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us
2. They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us
3. They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we
4. They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our;
5. They will know mer - cy too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our
6. They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us
7. They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your
8. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



1. poor in spir - it; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
2. meek and hum - ble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
3. share their sor - row; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
4. cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
5. cry for mer - cy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
6. pure and ho - ly; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
7. peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
8. per - se - scute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.



*Ref.* We are the light of the world, may our light shine be-fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, and give glo - ry to God.

## Greeting

☩ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**℞ Amen.**

☩ The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**℞ And also with you.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE (C4)

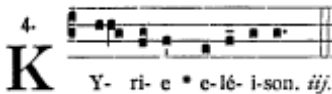
*(Kyrie XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

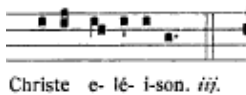
☩ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our faults and failings  
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy  
for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

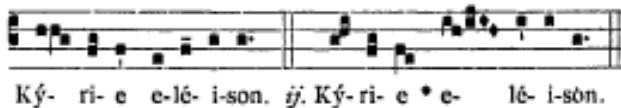
☩ Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father:



☩ Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:



☩ Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with the Father:



☩ May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**℞ Amen.**

# Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

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G Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-

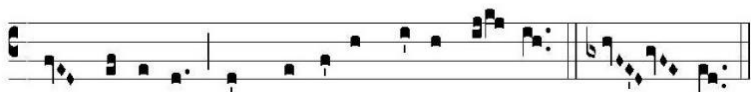
*Choir:* *All:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus  
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus  
ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,  
Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li  
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus  
De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-  
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad délixte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus





Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
from the days of Abraham and Moses  
until this gathering of your Church in prayer,  
you have formed a people in the image of your son.

Bless this people with the gift of your kingdom.  
May we serve you with our every desire  
and show love for one another even as you have loved us.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Ṛ. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading 1 (*Zep 2:3; 3:12-13*)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

∇. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟̄. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10*)



**℟̄. Blessed are the poor in spir-it; the king-dom of heav-en is theirs!**

The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

**℟̄. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

**℟. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

**℟. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

## **Reading 2** (*1 Cor 1:26-31*)

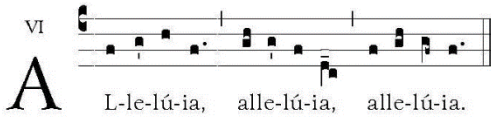
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful,  
not many were of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
"Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

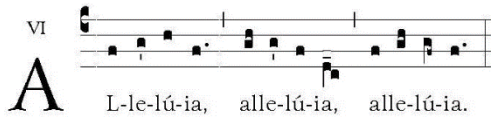
℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Lk 4:18)



Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.



## Gospel (Mt 5:1-12a)

☩. The Lord be with you.

**℟.** And also with you.

☩. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.*

**℟.** Glory to you Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.



Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."

**R̄. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**



**Homily**

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

*All bow at these two lines*

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several  
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

**℞. Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer  
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

**℞. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offering of the Gifts

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

☩. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice 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 Church.**

Lord,  
receive our gifts.  
Let our offerings make us holy  
and bring us salvation.

Grant this through Christ or Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## Preface and *Sanctus* (Sunday IV)



V. The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. V. Lift up your hearts.



R. We lift them up to the Lord. V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By his birth we are reborn.  
In his suffering we are freed from sin.  
By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.  
In his return to you in glory  
we enter into your heavenly kingdom.

And so, we join the angels and the saints  
as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

**S**anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us  
Sába-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et terra gló-ri-a  
tu-a. Ho-sánna in excélsis. Bene-díctus qui ve-nit  
in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

### Eucharistic Prayer (III)

*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

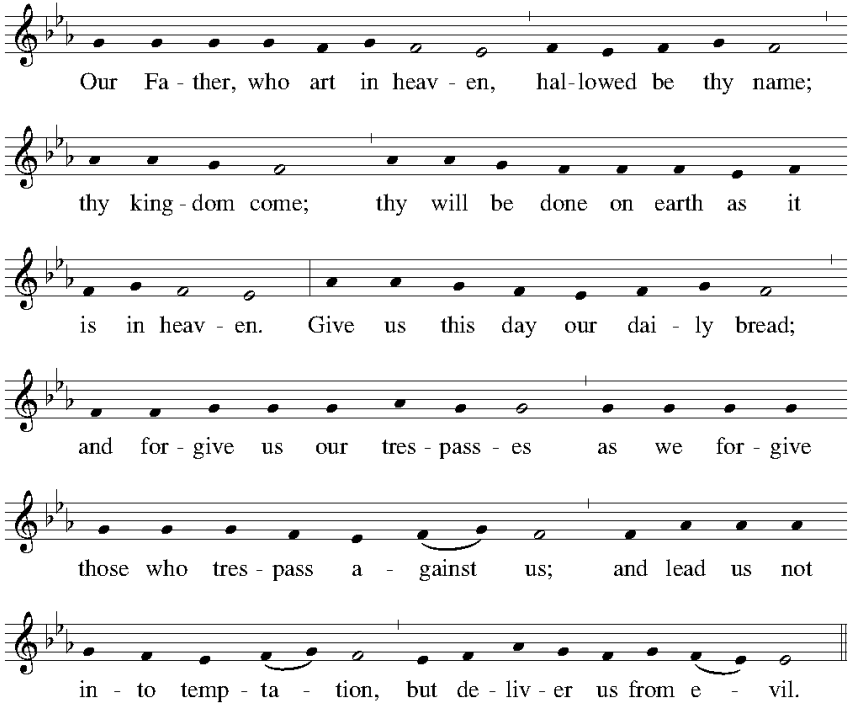
Through him, with him and in him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
Forever and ever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

# COMMUNION LITURGY

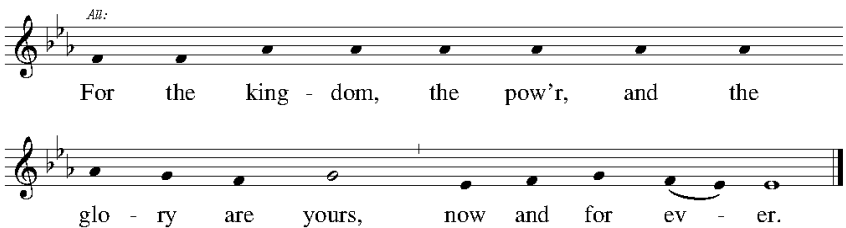
## The Lord's Prayer

Ÿ. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Ÿ. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*Agnus Dei:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R̄. And also with you.**

Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

XII. s.



**A** -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-  
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

☩. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℞. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant  
says:*

☩. The body and blood of Christ.

**℞. Amen.**



# Communion Meditation

## To the Poor a Lasting Treasure



1. To the poor a last - ing treas - ure, to the  
2. To the heart that walks in sor - row, to the  
3. We shall sing a song of glad - ness to the  
4. We shall wel - come all as pil - grims, none will



frail a guid - ing hand; There is wealth be - yond all  
heart that s ick with grief, To the heart that fears to -  
God who, from our birth, Has em - braced our joys and  
leave our homes un - blest. We will gath - er all God's



meas - ure pour - ing forth at God's com - mand. To the  
mor - row there is com - fort and re - lease. For the  
sad - ness, giv - en dig - ni - ty and worth. We, as  
chil - dren, giv - ing life and love and rest. Then, with



out - cast and re - ject - ed a love that knows no  
heart of Christ, once bro - ken and hung up - on a  
pil - grims bound to - geth - er, claim Christ as light and  
grate - ful voic - es rais - ing, be - fore our God we'll



end, To the ones who least ex - pect it a  
tree, Is the heart of love that's spo - ken to  
guide. In a bond that none may sev - er we  
stand, As we all will go re - joic - ing in -



Sav - ior comes as friend.  
all who search for peace.  
know the cru - ci - fied.  
to the prom - ised land.

## Prayer after Communion

Ÿ. Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Lord,  
you invigorate us with this help to our salvation.  
By this eucharist give our faith continued growth  
throughout the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R̄. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing (13)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the God of all consolation  
bless you in every way  
and grant you peace all the days of your life.

**R̄. Amen.**

May he free you from all anxiety  
and strengthen your hearts in his love.

**R̄. Amen.**

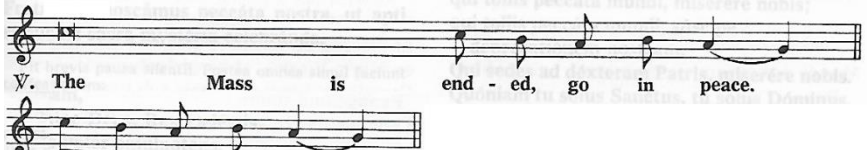
May he enrich you with his gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
so that what you do in this life  
may bring you to the happiness of everlasting life.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R̄. Amen.**

# Dismissal



Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

# Concluding Hymn

## Blest Be the Poor in Spirit



1. Blest be the poor in spir - it. Blest be
2. Blest those who build a path to peace, lead - ing
3. Blest be the poor in spir - it. Blest be



1. the meek and hum-ble of heart. Blest those in sor-row
2. the way with fair-ness and hope. Blest those un-just - ly
3. the meek and hum-ble of heart. Blest those in sor-row



1. and in grief. Blest those who live with mer - cy and
2. treat - ed and harmed: theirs is e - ter - nal life with
3. and in grief. Blest those who live with mer - cy and



*(Fine)*

1. love. Blest those who thirst for jus - tice for all.
2. God. Give thanks with songs of joy and of praise,
3. love.



1. God walks be - side them all through their lives.
2. know - ing God's love is al - ways with you.