

# Fourth Sunday of Lent



*"If he is a sinner, I do not know.  
One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."*

**(Cycle A)**

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

### Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved \*a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## Greeting

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

**R. 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.

**R. And also with you.**

PENITENTIAL RITE (A VI)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

Ÿ 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.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters  
that I have sinned through my own fault  
in my thoughts and in my words  
in what I have done**

**and in what I have failed to do;  
and I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

**R Amen.**

*(Kyrie Pro Defunctis)*

6. 

**K** Y-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Chri- ste

e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký- ri- e e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký-

ri- e \* e- lé- i-son.

## **Gloria**

*The Gloria is not said*

### **Opening Prayer**

Ÿ. Let us pray  
to the Father and ask him  
to form a new heart within us.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

God our Father,  
your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world  
and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation  
by the suffering and death he endured.

Teach us, the people who bear his name,  
to follow the example he gave us:  
may our faith, hope, and charity  
turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Ŗ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Reading 1** (*1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*)

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

he 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—anooint him, for this is the one!"

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,

anoointed David in the presence of his brothers;

and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

✠. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*)



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is no-thing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**Ṛ. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**Ṛ. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Ṛ. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**Ṛ. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Reading 2** (*Eph 5:8-14*)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

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."

∞. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R̄. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation (*Jn 8:12*)



I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.



### Gospel (*Jn 9:1-41*)

∞. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

∞. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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

**R̄. Glory to you Lord.**

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 might 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.

.V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**R. 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."*

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into two parts. The first part is labeled 'Cantor/Choir' and the second part is labeled 'All'. Both parts consist of a series of notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy.' are written below the notes.

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

**R. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offering of the Gifts

*If an Offertory Hymn is played or sung, omit the following.*

Ÿ. 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.

**Ŕ. Blessed be God for ever.**

Ÿ. 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.

**Ŕ. Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Ÿ. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

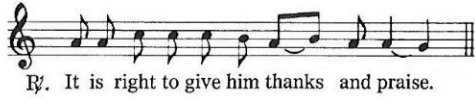
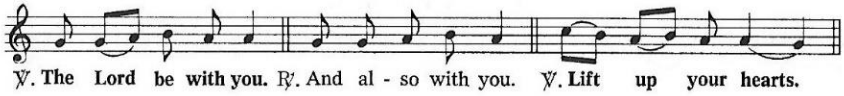
**Ŕ. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,  
we offer you these gifts  
which bring us peace and joy.  
Increase our reverence by this eucharist,  
and bring salvation to the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**Ŕ. Amen.**

## Preface and *Sanctus* (Man Born Blind)



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

He came among us as a man,  
to lead mankind from darkness  
into the light of faith.

Through Adam's fall we were born as slaves of sin,  
but now through baptism in Christ  
we are reborn as your adopted children.

Earth unites with heaven  
to sing the new song of creation  
as we adore and praise you for ever:

*(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 (IV)

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

∇. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-  
claim your death, Lord Je-sus, un-til you come in glo - ry.

*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.

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

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.

**R. Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

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

**R.** 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:*

**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.

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

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

*To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:*

Ÿ. The body of Christ.

**R.** Amen.



# Communion Meditation

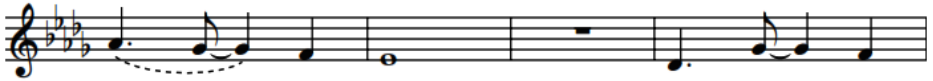
## Song of the Man Born Blind



1.        ♯        Once        I        was        blind        but        now        I  
2.        ♯        Not        in        an        in -        stant,        but        through  
3.        The        Lord        is        my        shep -        herd,        lead -        ing  
4.        Though        this        world        may        rage        and        ter -        ror -



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3.        mead -        ows -        of        green.        Good        shep -        herds  
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2.        si -        lence        and        bold -        ly        pro -        claim:        ♯  
3.        lay        down        their        lives        for        the        sheep;        ♯  
4.        love        I        shall        nev -        er        de -        ny.        His



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2.        one        sent        by        God        is -        call -        ing        my  
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3.        me.  
4.        light.

## Prayer after Communion

℣. Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Father,  
you enlighten all who come into the world.  
Fill our hearts with the light of your gospel,  
that our thoughts may please you,  
and our love be sincere.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Prayer over the People (17)

℣. The Lord be with you.

**℟. And also with you.**

℣. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Father,  
look with love upon your people,  
the love which our Lord Jesus Christ Showed us  
when he delivered himself to evil men  
and suffered the agony of the cross,  
for he is Lord for ever.

**℟. Amen.**

℣. And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come upon you and remain with you forever.

**℟. Amen.**

## Dismissal

The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

℟. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.