

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th March 2021



OPENING HYMN

Lord! Who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with You to mourn our sins,
And close by You to stay.

As You with Satan did contend,
And did the victory win,
Oh, give us strength in You to fight,
In You to conquer sin.

As You did hunger bear, and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live
By Your most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence,
And through Your Passion-tide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus with us abide.

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of His people.

PSALM RESPONSE:

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son: everyone who believes in Him has eternal life. Praise to You, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:

My 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
Is lost in your embrace.