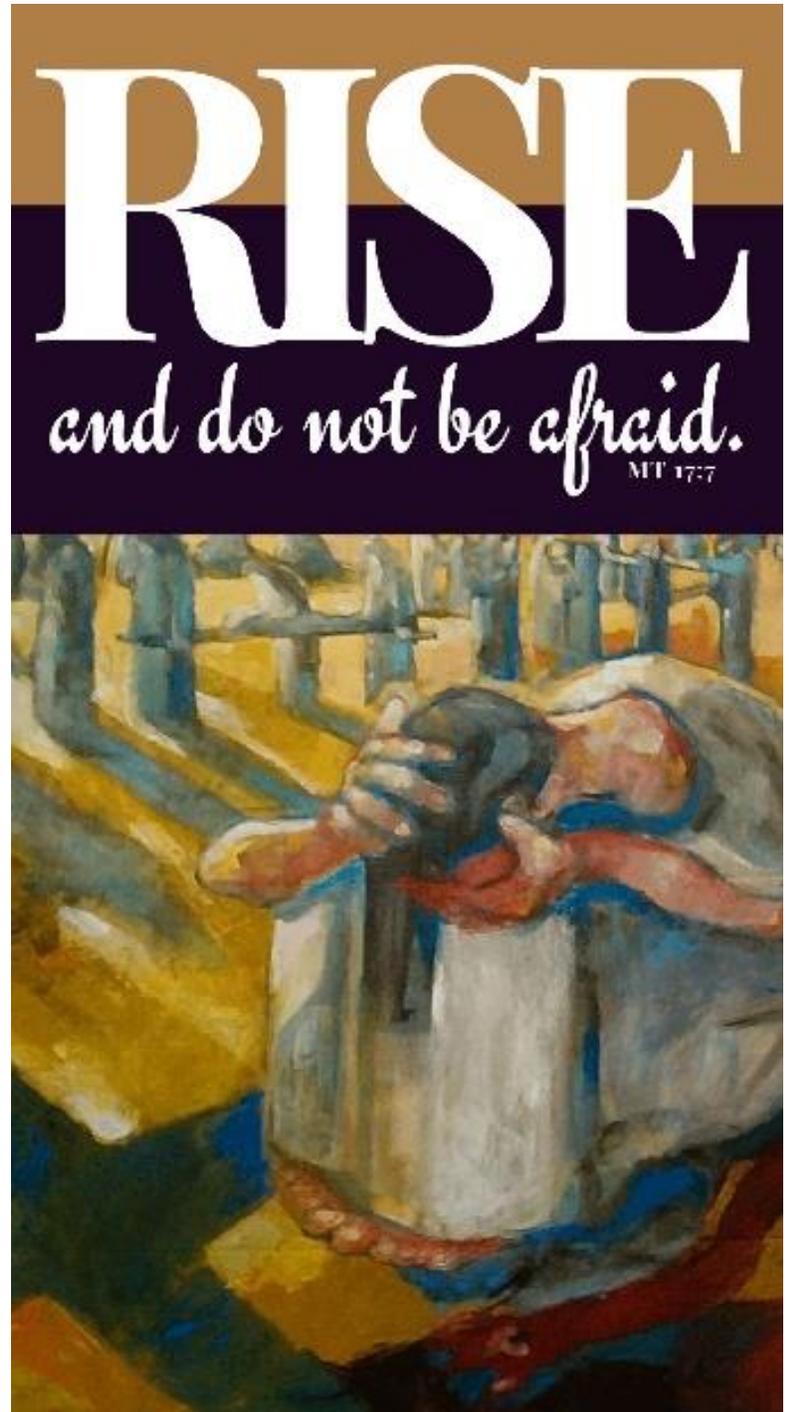


Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 22, 2020

Introduction/Call to Worship:

Rise up, and to not be afraid...to be seen
In today's readings, we find there are many forms of blindness, both physical and spiritual. While the Pharisees classify the blind man as a sinner, Jesus sees a man with inherent dignity. When can we be blinded by pride or hardness of heart? How can we call upon the Light to help us rise up and see? God sees into the heart. Can we open our hearts to the Lord and let go of our fears?



CHRIST IN ME ARISE

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Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.

Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.

Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. } On - ward to the king - dom,
2. where I must go. }

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who

formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,

my whole be - ing thrives in you.

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OR Entrance Antiphon:

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

SIGN OF THE CROSS

PENITENTIAL ACT

Leader: As we pray today, let us begin by pausing to seek God's loving mercy, through which we can rise and be truly seen by God... *pause*

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(Strike breast) through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore 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.

Chant Mass

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Priest/Deacon/Other Minister' and contains the lyrics 'Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.'; the second measure is labeled 'All respond' and contains 'Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.'; the third measure is labeled 'Priest/Deacon/Other Minister' and contains 'Chris - te, e - lé - i - son.' The second staff has three measures: the first is labeled 'All respond' and contains 'Chris - te, e - lé - i - son.'; the second is labeled 'Priest/Deacon/Other Minister' and contains 'Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.'; the third is labeled 'All respond' and contains 'Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.'

OPENING COLLECT (PRAYER)

Leader: Let us pray. *(pause)*

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD (for readings click [here](#))

First Reading:

A reading from the first Book of Samuel... *(reading)*...The Word of the Lord.

Psalm

Second Reading:

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians... *(reading)*...
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John...*(reading)*...
The Gospel of the Lord.

Read Fr. Bullock's homily

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,
(At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: We are called to live as children of the light. Confident in the shepherding care of God our Father, we offer these prayers of intercession.

Reader:

1. For Pope Benedict, priests, and the entire Church of God. Through the Lord’s healing and grace, may all be a beacon of light for the world, particularly in this time of worldwide concern. We pray to the Lord.
2. For those in positions of power and authority throughout the world, may they use their influence to effect positive change and promote the common good. We pray to the Lord.
3. For Mahunan [MAH-oo-nah], Gracia [Grace], Amy, and all who prepare to receive the Easter sacraments. May they be protected from temptation and lifted up in anticipation of the new life they will receive. We pray to the Lord.

4. For health care workers to be protected as they seek to provide healing remedy to all the afflicted, including those most affected by COVID-19. May there be a swift resolution to this pandemic. We pray to the Lord.
5. For families and individuals experiencing confinement or limited mobility. May they be graced with patience and love amidst any challenges, with eyes opened to the blessings God will provide them. We pray to the Lord.
6. For the sick and suffering to know they are seen and loved by the Lord and be strengthened with the Lord's power. We pray to the Lord
7. For our St. Edward Parish family to be sustained in our mission to be an evangelizing community *by faith, with love, in hope*. Washed in the waters of Baptism, may we be steadfast in the ability to see beyond appearances and to reflect the Light of God to all we encounter. We pray to the Lord.
8. For our faithful departed. [We remember in particular:
 - Wilma Gardner, mother of Ardy Squiers;
 - Irene Boutott; and
 - Steve Bauer, husband of Judy.May they live forever in the eternal light of God's Presence. We pray to the Lord.

Leader: God of justice and mercy, you open our eyes and lead us in the Light. Be with us in these unusual times. Calm our fears, that we may rise bravely with you. Hear our prayers, and let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts. We ask this in the name of our loving shepherd, Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader: Let us pray in the words our savior gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. *(pause)*
O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendor of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

(Make the Sign of the Cross over self as this is said)

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and lead us to ever lasting life. Amen.

Closing Song

AMAZING GRACE

NEW BRITAIN



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.

*Alternate text: "and set me free!"

Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.
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