

Worship Aid
Fourth Sunday of Lent “Laetare Sunday” – March 14, 2021

*Note re music: In the Roman Rite, during Lent the Gloria is not sung except for Solemnities and Feasts. More importantly the Alleluia is excluded completely, even for solemnities or ritual Masses in Lent. No hymns or acclamations with it. Roman tradition also tones down the use of instrumental music during Lent. For liturgies celebrated during Lent, in most circumstances instrumental music is only used to support singing. **The Fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, is an exception to this rule. Solo instrumental music is permitted and the sanctuary may be decorated with flowers.***

ORDER OF MASS

GATHERING

As circumstances suggest, the cantor may sing a suitable song before Mass as people gather.

- Misericordes sicut Pater! (Merciful like the Father!)*
or *Come, Rejoice Before Your Maker* CBW 577
or *Rejoice in God* CBW 580
or *instrumental music*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

Jerusalem, My Destiny Gather 399

Refrain: **I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.**

1. **Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth that bids me rise. (refrain)**
2. **See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be. (refrain)**

Text and Tune: Rory Cooney, b. 1952
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SIGN OF THE CROSS, GREETING, INTRODUCTION

PENITENTIAL ACT: *Kyrie, eleison* CIS #5.2, p. 74

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

Refrain: **Let my tongue cling to my mouth
if I do not remember you.**

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 2.4-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3.16

Glory, praise and honor...

Gather 179

Verse: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

GOSPEL: John 3.14-21

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Minister: Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY CHANT OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

One of the following songs may be sung by the cantor or instrumental music may be played.

- Tree of Life* Gather 401
- or *Mercy, O God* Gather 417
- or *In the Cross of Christ* Gather 436
- or *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Gather 513
- or *Bless the Lord* Gather 576
- or *No Greater Love* Gather 607
- or *O Merciful Redeemer* CBW 369
- or *Grant to Us, O Lord* CBW 621A

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Roman Missal Chant Mass)

PREFACE DIALOGUE CIS #5.5

SANCTUS CIS #5.6

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION CIS #5.7

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN

CIS #5.8

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

CIS #5.10

COMMUNION CHANT

As circumstances suggest, one of the following songs is sung:

Return to God

Gather 410

Refrain: **Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God. *(x2 each time)***

Text and Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Christ, Be Our Light

Gather 512

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Text and Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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Praise to you, O Christ, Our Savior

Gather 517

Refrain: **Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Text and Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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Now in This Banquet

Gather 825
Lent refrain

Refrain: **Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;
Live in our flesh and our bone;
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry and grace,
one in your loving embrace.**

Text and Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Livestream Mass

After the Priest and the assembly, i.e. those physically present in the church, have received Holy Communion, a designated minister invites those watching at home to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Brothers and sisters, we now invite those following this Mass from home to join in praying an Act 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,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself to you completely.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**



– attributed to Saint Alphonsus Liguori

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Gather 416

- 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our sins, and close by you to stay.**
- 2. As you with Satan did contend, and did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.**
- 3. As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and so to live by your most holy word.**
- 4. And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide,
For evermore, in life and death, O Lord! with us abide.**
- 5. Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!**

Text: Claudia F. Herрман, 1838-1898, alt.
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; *John's Day Psalter*, 1562.