FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN
1. Rejoice, Jerusalem, Rejoice, and gather all around;
   Rejoice, all who in sorrow dwell, your gladness now abound.

2. Exult with joy, be satisfied at her consoling breast.
   Rejoice, let us go to the house of him the Lord Most Blest.

FIRST READING
A reading from the second book of Chronicles
36:14-16. 19-23

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

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
2:4-10

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

God loved us with so much love that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace.

Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit.

We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps136:1-6. R] v. 6

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!
1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Jn 3:16

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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
3:14-21

God send his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.'
For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (All kneel)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN
1 Fill my house unto the fullest. Eat my bread and drink my wine. The love I bear is held from no-one. All I own and all I do I give to you.

2 Christ our Lord with love enormous From the cross his lesson taught - to love all men as I have loved you.

3 Join with me as one in Christ-love. May our hearts all beat as one, and may we give ourselves completely.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Jesus meek and humble of heart, Make my heart like yours.
1. Come to me you who are heavily broken And I will give you rest. Take my yoke and learn from me I am meek and humble of heart.

2. Come to me you who are thirsting for water And I will give you drink Come and stay beneath my cross From my heart flows living streams.

3. Follow me why do you walk in the darkness? When I’m the light of life? Come to where my Father dwells I’m the Way, the Truth and the Life.

OFFERED AND DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE KING

1. Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with men, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, Love, only love, is his way. Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

2. Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table, host to the twelve. Love, only love, is his mark.

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, “This is my body, this is my blood”, Love, only love, is his sign.

4. Love is his sign, love is his news, “Do this,” he said, “lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.” Love, only love, is his news.

5. Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, family, brethren, cousins and kin. Love, only love, is his name.

6. Love is his name, love is his law. Hear his command, all who are his: “Love one another, I have loved you.” Love, only love, is his law.

7. Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. O cross erected above the world Cross of our Saviour King! Fount from which gushed the waters Straight from the wound in His side Filling our lives with His gift of grace Cross of our Saviour King

2. O cross, Thou channel of grace divine, Cross of our Saviour King! Tree on which death was conquered Thou the first altar of love Jesus, the Lamb gave His Life on thee, Cross of our Saviour King!