

## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT < C

March 26-27, 2022

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

**Introduction by the Celebrant**

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

*[Rejoice]*

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

**Penitential Act**

We too have sinned against the Father and against people. We no longer deserve to be called His children. Let us ask for His forgiveness:

*(pause)*

Lord Jesus, we are like wayward children, and we are at times blind to the Father's love, please lead us back to him:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, your Father waits for us and to welcome us with open arms, but we tarry on the road of conversion, please lead us back to him:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we are slow to forgive and fast to condemn.

We are scandalized that the Father loves the sinner as well as the just, please lead us back to the Father, Lord:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord reconcile us with the Father and with one another and lead us all to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**The Gloria Is Not Said**

**C: Collect**

*[Devotion and Faith]*

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, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**SIT**

*First Reading* Jos 5:9a, 10-12

*[Food for the Israelites]*

*The people of God celebrate the Passover in the promised land, and as a sign that they are "home," the manna from heaven is no longer provided.*

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

**Breaking of the Bread**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

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**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Grant us peace.**

**Reception of Communion**

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

**Communion**

**Oratio Imperata**

**Prayer after Communion**

*[Illuminate Our Hearts]*

**STAND**

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.

**R/ Amen.**

**General Announcements**

**SIT**

**Blessing** *[Life-Giving Light]*

**STAND**

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

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Let us go and share in the joy of God's love and mercy. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you to accept us also, together with your Son, and in this saving banquet graciously to endow us with his very Spirit, who takes away everything that estranges us from one another.

**Intercessions: For the Church**

May he make your Church a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace among all people and may he keep us in communion with *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop and all the Bishops and your entire people.

**In Communion with the Saints**

Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son, so also bring us together, with the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints.

**For the Dead**

With our brothers and sisters and those of every race and tongue who have died in your friendship.

Bring us to share with them the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth, where the fullness of your peace will shine forth in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Concluding Doxology**

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever. **Amen.**

**Communion Rite**

**STAND**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Sign Of Peace**

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your

The Lord said to Joshua: "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you."

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 34 *[The Lord's Goodness]*

**R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **(R.)**

Look at him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Cor 5:17-21 *[Reconciliation]*  
*Christ, the ambassador, reconciles all to God. Our transgressions find forgiveness in him so that we might become the very holiness of God.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Verse Before The Gospel** Lk 15:18

*[Return Home]*

**STAND**

**R/ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**R/ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**



*"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

**Gospel** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 **[The Prodigal Son]**  
*Our loving Father is always ready to forgive the truly repentant.*

**R/ The Lord be with you.**  
**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave

me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' "

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son so that we might have eternal life. Trusting in the infinite love of the Father, we now pray:

*(Pause)*

For those preparing to enter the Church this Easter: that God will free them from the false values that can blind us. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who hold public office: that they will imitate the goodness of God who secures justice, lifts up the oppressed and feeds the hungry. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the abandoned children, for husbands and wives who are estranged from each other: that God will touch them with His love and mercy, and transform their sufferings to forgiveness, consolation and joy. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who care for the unwanted: the handicapped, drug addicts, and outcasts of society, that the Lord may reward them with success and that their love may not waver in bearing witness of God's love. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to return to the Father in true contrition, through confession of our sins, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Loving Father, you who are rich in mercy, because of your great love for us brought us to life with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions. May this new life reflects in everything we do. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : **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 Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings**  
**[Eternal Remedy]**

**STAND**

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the Lord*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right and just*

**Preface II of Lent**

**[Spiritual penance]**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer For Reconciliation II**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You, therefore, almighty Father, we bless through Jesus Christ your Son, who comes in your name. He himself is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you extend to sinners, the way by which your peace is offered to us. When we ourselves had turned away from you on account of our sins, you brought us back to be reconciled, O Lord, so that, converted at last to you, we might love one another through your Son, whom for our sake you handed over to death.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

And now, celebrating the reconciliation Christ has brought us,

we entreat you: sanctify these gifts by the outpouring of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son, whose command we fulfill when we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For when about to give his life to set us free, as he reclined at supper, he himself took bread into his hands, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, on that same evening, he took the chalice of blessing in his hands, confessing your mercy, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest : The mystery of faith.*

*All : When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**The Memorial Prayer**

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial of the Death and Resurrection of your Son, who left us this pledge of his love, we offer you what you have bestowed on us, the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.