

4th SUNDAY OF LENT < B

March 9 - 10, 2024

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 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

The 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 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
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.

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

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

*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

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 down on you and remain with you for ever.

R/ Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ
and let him be your Life-Giving Light.

R/ Thanks be to God.

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

Let us ask forgiveness from the Lord
for the times that we have refused to love
or remained indifferent to it:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, your Father loved us with so much
love that He gave you to us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, your Father sent you not to
condemn us but to save us and all people.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you want us to bring to others
the great love with which you love us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

God we rely on your love
to forgive us all our sins.
Renew us in your love
and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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
celebration 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 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

[Punishment for Infidelity]

*The Israelites were repeatedly unfaithful to God. They
ignored the prophets sent to them. God allowed them
to fall to the Chaldeans. Jeremiah had foretold this
punishment.*

A reading from the second Book of Chronicles

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests,
and the people added infidelity to infidelity,
practicing all the abominations of the nations and
polluting the LORD's temple which he had
consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their

fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had
compassion on his people and his dwelling place.
But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his
warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the
anger of the LORD against his people was so
inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies
burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of
Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all
its precious objects. Those who escape the sword
were carried captive to Babylon, where they became
servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons
until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.
All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken
by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost
sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall
have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in
order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by
Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia
to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,
both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says
Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth
the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and
he has also charged me to build him a house in
Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore,
among you belongs to any part of his people, let
him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137 [Remembrance of Zion]

R/ Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps. **(R.)**

Though there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
and our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!" **(R.)**

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten! **(R.)**

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10 **[God's Gift: Salvation]**

*God's mercy and love brought Jesus into the world.
Salvation is God's gift; it is not the work of human
beings. Jesus leads all to perform good works.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us, even when

we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ-by grace you have been saved-, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Verse Before the Gospel Jn 3:16

[God's Love]

STAND

R/ Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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



"The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light."

Gospel Jn 3: 14-21 **[Salvation in Christ]**

Jesus is to die on the cross-the proof of God's unlimited love for his people. God sent Jesus that we might believe. Through belief in him human beings will be saved.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

Loving Father, You are rich in mercy and love, you brought us to life with Christ, in spite of all our transgressions:

(Pause)

For those preparing to enter the Church this Easter: that with minds enlightened by Christ they might experience ever greater freedom to persevere in the faith of the Church and in living a holy life, and to come to know abundance of life in Christ. Let us pray: **Lord, your are our light and salvation.**

For the leaders of the world: to put priority for an end to all terrorism, global conflict and religious persecution, and that God's peace will reign throughout the world. Let us pray:

Lord, your are our light and salvation.

For our Parish community: that God will free us from all false values that can blind us from God's truth; for those carrying out good works which draw many into the light of Christ to seek truth and holiness. Let us pray:

Lord, your are our light and salvation.

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unemployed, the discourage and those facing difficult problems in the family: that God will touch them with his love and mercy bringing comfort, hope and reconciliation to all. Let us pray:

Lord, your are our light and salvation.

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, we humbly seek your Providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to return to the Father in true gratitude and to be the Light to the Nations. Let us pray:

Lord, your are our light and salvation.

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

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Lord, your are our light and salvation.

Father, your infinite charity overcame justice in that you bestowed the highest blessing upon us, in giving salvation through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SL: 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 2

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 salvations, 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.

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.