



ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Mass for Priests

April 1, 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, save me by your name; by your power, defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

(Cf. Ps 53: 3-4)

PENITENTIAL ACT

COLLECT

O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life.

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.

FIRST READING

Wis 2:1,12-22

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, with their misguided reasoning:

‘Our life is short and dreary, nor is there any relief when man’s end comes, nor is anyone known who can give release from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. He claims to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a son of the Lord. Before us he stands, a reproof to our way of thinking, the very sight of him weighs our spirits down; his way of life is not like other men’s, the paths he treads are unfamiliar. In his opinion we are counterfeit; he holds aloof from our doings as though from filth; he proclaims the final end of the virtuous as happy and boasts of having God for his father. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

This is the way they reason, but they are misled, their malice makes them blind. They do not know the hidden things of God, they have no hope that holiness will be rewarded, they can see no reward for blameless souls.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33(34):16, 18, 19-21, 23

THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKEN-HEARTED

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him. **R.**

He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

(Ps 51:12a, 14a)

GOSPEL

JN 7:1-2,10, 25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stayed in Galilee; he could not stay in Judaea, because the Jews were out to kill him.

As the Jewish feast of Tabernacles drew near, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went up as well, but quite privately, without drawing attention to himself. Meanwhile some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, ‘Isn’t this the man they want to kill? And here he is, speaking freely, and they have nothing to say to him! Can it be true the authorities have made up their minds that he is the Christ? Yet we all know where he comes from, but when the Christ appears no one will know where he comes from.’

Then, as Jesus taught in the Temple, he cried out:

‘Yes, you know me
and you know where I came from.
Yet I have not come of myself:
no, there is one who sent me
and I really come from him,
and you do not know him,
but I know him because I have come from him
and it was he who sent me.’

They would have arrested him then, but because his time had not yet come no one laid a hand on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: As we have meditated on the ill-treatment of the just, let us ask the Lord for the grace to persevere in doing good for ourselves and all those who are put to the test on account of their allegiance to Christ. Let our response be:

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US!

Reader: For the Catholic Church and all those who believe in Christ: May they hold on to and live by the Gospel values in a world steeped in corruption, materialism and hedonism. *Let us pray to the Lord! R.*

For our community and all of us gathered in this Eucharistic celebration: May we persevere in our commitment to the Lord in spite of the bad example of many in our society. *Let us pray to the Lord. R.*

For those who are harassed and discriminated against because of their faithfulness to the Gospel: May they find in the examples of Jesus and all martyrs the encouragement they need. *Let us pray to the Lord. R.*

Lord Jesus, you are the head of the Church, grant us Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to love and to proclaim your Word and to be the Light to the nations. *Let us pray to the Lord. R.*

Let us now *pause* to pray for all intentions offered in this mass and for our personal intentions.
Let us pray to the Lord. R.

Priest: Lord God, source of our strength and consolation: May all we plan be according to Your will. May all we do be for Your greater glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, almighty God, cleanse us by its mighty power and lead us to approach its source with ever greater purity.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE IV OF LENT

(The fruits of fasting)

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 through bodily fasting you restrain our faults,
raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards,
through Christ our lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven

and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray,
join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

In Christ, we have redemption by his Blood,
and forgiveness of our sins, in accord with the riches of his grace.

(Cf. Eph 1: 7)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as we pass from old to new,
so, with former ways left behind,
we may be renewed in holiness of mind.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING