

4th SUNDAY OF LENT < A

March 18 - 19, 2023

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
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

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 God bless you, that you may be a
blessing to all: the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the
Holy Spirit. **R/ Amen.**

Let us go and be the light of Christ to all people.

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

God does not judge by appearances
but looks into the heart.

And so we can go to him in all humility
with our burdens of sins:

(pause)

Jesus Christ, light of the world,
open our eyes to recognize you
as the light of our lives:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, light of the world,
open our eyes to see those who suffer,
and make it lighter:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
open our eyes to see God's love
and to receive the light of life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

Have mercy on us Lord

open our eyes and heal our blindness.

with your forgiveness and joy and
lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Gloria is omitted

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 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

[The Lord's Anointed]

*God directs Samuel to anoint David king. God looks
into the heart of each person.*

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil,
and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of

Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among
his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the
sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely
the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the
LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his
appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have
rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because
man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into
the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven
sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The
LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then
Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you
have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest,
who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse,
"Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial
banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had
the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a
youth handsome to behold and making a splendid
appearance. The LORD said, "There-anoint him,
for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of
oil in hand, anointed him in the presence of his
brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the
LORD rushed upon David.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23 [The Lord's Protection]

**R./ The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I
shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me:
he refreshes my soul: **(R.)**

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. **(R.)**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **(R.)**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14 **[Children of Light]**

*We are to walk in the light which shows goodness,
justice, and truth. Christ gives this light whereby we
live.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the
Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but
now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of
light, for light produces every kind of goodness and

righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Verse Before the Gospel Jn 8:12

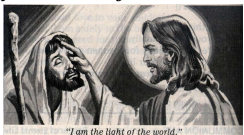
[Light of Life]

[STAND]

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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



"I am the light of the world."

Gospel Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SHORTER FORM *[Cure of Blind Man]*

Jesus is the light. He cures a man born blind by bringing him to see. Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man.

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

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But other said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the

Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Homily]

[SIT]

[I believe in God]

[STAND]

[General Intercessions]

Trusting in the infinite love of the Father, we pray:

(Pause)

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

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

To those who hold public office will imitate the goodness of God, who secures justice and protects the rights of the oppressed. Let us pray to the Lord:

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

For the spiritually blind, especially those who have strayed from the Church: that the light of Christ will shine in their hearts and minds, and they might be awakened from the stupor of sin. Let us pray to the Lord:

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

For the faithful: that our time of fasting might be a time of rejoicing as we regain our savour for the bread of heaven and the living waters of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

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 celebrate this Lenten Season in true contrition and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

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

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord:

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonder of your love.

Loving Father, you who are rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ and let us always live by that life. 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]

[From Darkness to Radiance]

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, through Christ our Lord.

By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end 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.