

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST



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John 3:13-15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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OPENING HYMN



GREETING
PENITENTIAL ACT
COLLECT

LITURGY of the Word

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FIRST READING

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 escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

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!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Let my tongue be

si - lenced,

if I ev - er for - get

you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Sion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. R

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Sion's songs." R

O how could we sing the song of the LORD on foreign soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! R

O let my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem as the first of my joys! Ry

SECOND READING

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

Ephesians 2:4-10

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

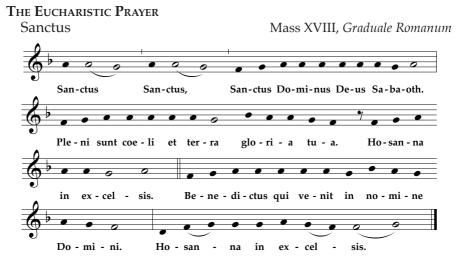
Our response is, Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

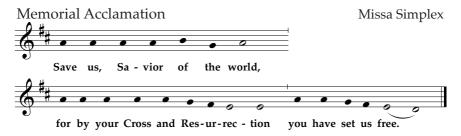
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Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Prayer over the Offerings



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.





COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN of PEACE

THE BREAKING of the BREAD

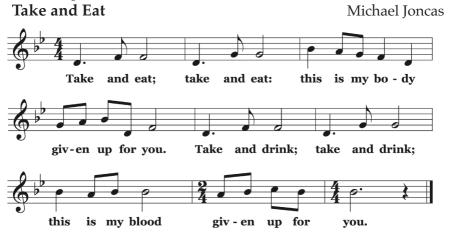
Mass XVIII, Graduale Romanum



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music during the Communion Procession



Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

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Blessing and Dismissal



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Sat.	5:30	PM	English
Sun.	7:30	AM	English
	9:30	AM	English
	11:30	AM	English
	1:30	PM	Spanish
	3:30	PM	Spanish
	5:30	PM	English
	7:00	PM	Spanish

N.B. The **11:30** AM and **1:30** PM Masses will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. Social distancing restrictions are still in place.



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