

# Church of the Resurrection

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.*

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



### **Gathering Song – Beyond the Days**

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#### Refrain

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry, we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing, we thirst for guidance, to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and night, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey. Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.
3. On our Lenten path, we see the dawn of a new day. Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

### **Kyrie Eleison**

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### **First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

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 David 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 – 23**

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**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

### **Second Reading – Ephesians 5:8-14**

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.*

**Glory to you, O 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.*

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

### **GOSPEL – John 9:1-41**

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

His disciples asked him,

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,  
that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered,

“Neither he nor his parents sinned;

it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, 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."

So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied,

"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes  
and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'

So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know."

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 others 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."

Now the Jews did not believe  
that he had been blind and gained his sight  
until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"

How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

We do not know how he sees now,  
nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him, he is of age;

he can speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid  
of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed  
that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,  
he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said,  
“He is of age; question him.”  
So a second time they called the man who had been blind  
and said to him, “Give God the praise!  
We know that this man is a sinner.”  
He replied,  
“If he is a sinner, I do not know.  
One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.”  
So they said to him,  
“What did he do to you?  
How did he open your eyes?”  
He answered them,  
“I told you already and you did not listen.  
Why do you want to hear it again?  
Do you want to become his disciples, too?”  
They ridiculed him and said,  
“You are that man’s disciple;  
we are disciples of Moses!  
We know that God spoke to Moses,  
but we do not know where this one is from.”  
The man answered and said to them,  
“This is what is so amazing,  
that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.  
We know that God does not listen to sinners,  
but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.  
It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.  
If this man were not from God,  
he would not be able to do anything.”  
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,  
the one speaking with you is he.”

He said,  
“I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.  
Then Jesus said,  
“I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind.”  
Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this  
and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?”  
Jesus said to them,  
“If you were blind, you would have no sin;  
but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.  
*The Gospel of the Lord*  
*R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Song for the Preparation of the Gifts – Hosea**

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1. Come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees to bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

#### Refrain

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity, and justice, with tenderness, you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

### **Song for Communion – Be Still and Know that I am God**

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#### Refrain

Be still and know that I am; be still and know that I am; be still and know that I am  
God.

1. When the storms surround you, only the rain has found you; be still and know that  
I am God.

When the dark is falling, listen and hear me calling; be still and know that I am  
God.

2. I am the voice inside you, the love that always finds you; be still and know that I  
am God. I am the light to follow, my peace will still your sorrow; be still and know  
that I am God.

Bridge

Ascend to the depths with me, breathe in eternity; for in you I dwell, the eternal well  
of my love.

3. So do not fear the quiet; my voice is in the silence. Be still and know that I am God.



*The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

**Song of Sending Forth - Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone.**

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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was  
lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how  
precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And  
like a flood, his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace!

3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield  
and portion be, as long as life endures.