

Fourth Sunday of Lent
St. Stephen's Parish
March 14, 2021 - 9:30 AM



Entrance Antiphon: cf. Isaiah 66:10-11 (Angrisano/Hart/Stephan)

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”

Entrance: God Be In My Head (Grayson Warren Brown)

*God be in my head, God be in my heart,
God be in my mind, God be in my soul,
God be in my eyes, so that I may see your face;
God be on my lips, God be in my life.*

*God be in my work, God be in my play,
God be in my home, God be in my prayer,
God be in my song, so that I may sing your praise;
God be in my night, God be in my day.*

Kyrie: Mass of Freedom (Stephen Lee)

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

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 escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of 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 the 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137 (Luke Mayernik)

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4–10

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Belmont Mass
Christopher Walker



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Gospel: John 3:14–21

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Presentation of the Gifts: Open My Eyes (Jesse Manibusan)

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened

and we'll hear like never before.

And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face

in places we've never known.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within you. Rest now in me.

Holy: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

*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.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Memorial Acclamation: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

*Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.*

Amen: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God: Agnus Dei (Mass XVIII, Chant)

AGNUS DEI XVIII

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

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

Communion Antiphon

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT COMMUNION ANTIPHON [III]

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Communion Song: Christ In Me Arise (Trevor Thomson)

*Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.*

*Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.*

*Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.*

*Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.*

*Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.*

Closing Song: Beyond The Days (Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP)

*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.*

*Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.*

*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.*



Thank you for joining us!

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