Sunday, March 10th, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Commonly called Lætare)

OPENING HYMN I heard the voice of Jesus say -- Insert (next page) (*The priest and servers pray alone during the hymn.*)

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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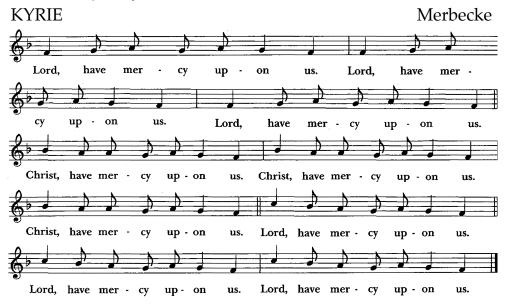
Introit

Laetare Ierusalem (Is 66:10,11; Ps 122:1)

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

(Ps) I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

GLORY. Rejoice ye...



Setting: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Collect

RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace, may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days:

All the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, till there was no remedy.

And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels.

He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremi'ah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

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Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremi'ah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

GRADUAL PSALM

Psalm 137:1-6. Super flumina



BY the waters of Babylon we sat | down and | wept, * when we re- | membered | thee, O | Sion.

- 2 As for our harps, we | hanged them | up * upon the | trees that | are there- | in.
- 3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody | in our | heaviness: *
 Sing us | one · · | of the | songs of Sion.
- 4 How shall we | sing the | Lord's song * in a | strange | land?
- 5 If I forget thee, | O Je- | rusalem, * let my right | hand for- | get her | cunning.
- 6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the | roof · of my | mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem a- | bove my | **chief** | joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren:

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— not because of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

V. The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

★ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time:

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not

He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord (bow) Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

Genuflect

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Stand

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is (bow) worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ## and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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PENITENTIAL RITE Mass Booklet page 5
Facing the People, the Priest or Deacon says the exhortation. The
People kneel. The Priest, facing the altar, begins the following prayer,
and the People join in saying:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory

of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest concludes with a prayer asking for God's mercy and pardon.

Offertory

Laudate Dominum (Ps 135:3,6)

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

OFFERTORY HYMN The glory of these forty days -- Hymnal 61 ORATE FRATRES

The Priest kisses the altar, turns towards the People, extends and then joins his hands, and says aloud:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.

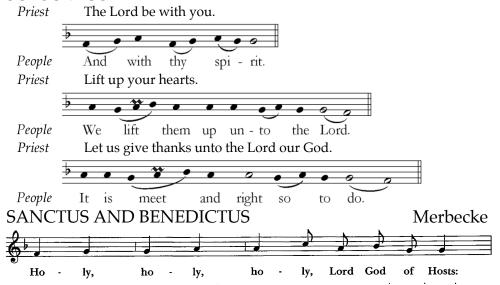
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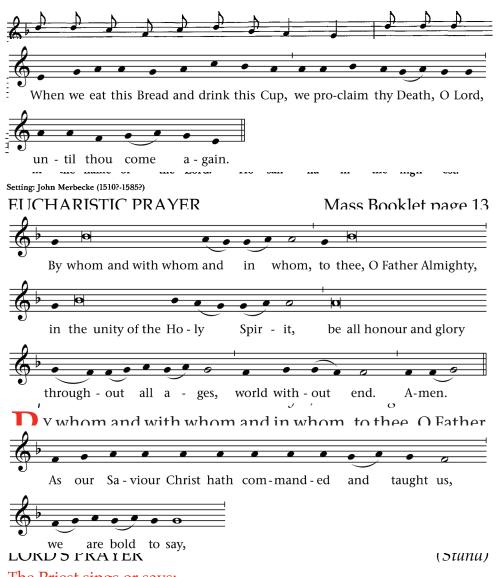
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

E beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that they may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the attainment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SURSUM CORDA



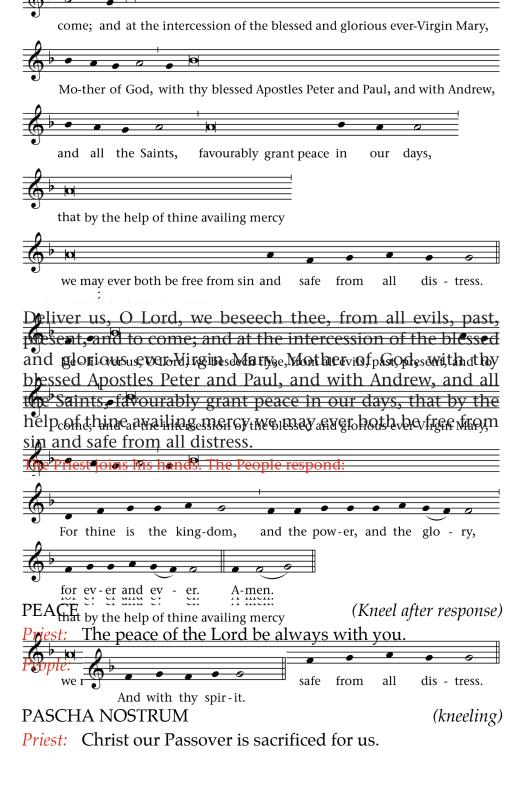


The Priest sings or says:

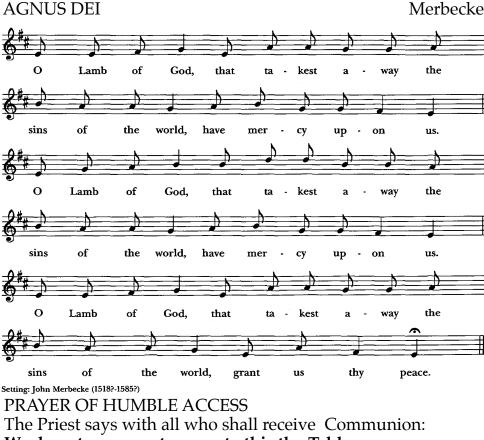
As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

And here he begins the Lord's Prayer, as the People continue with him:









We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same
Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
and our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

(said by the Priest)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS

(said three times)

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

Ierusalem quae aedificatur (Ps 122:3,4)

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

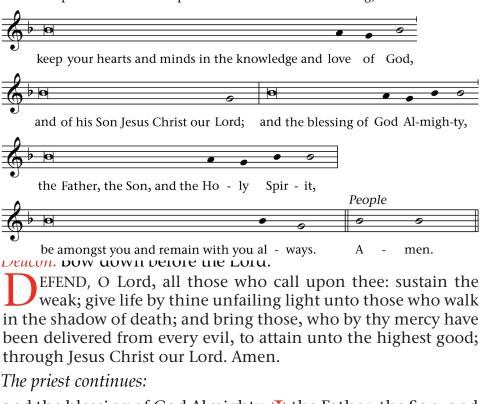
Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We encourage communion on the tongue as the most traditional and reverent manner of receiving the Sacrament. The Priest will administer the Blessed Sacrament in both kinds by moistening the Host in the Precious Blood (intinction). If you wish to receive only the Host, please indicate "one kind" by placing "one hand" on your breast.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN Here, O my Lord -- Hymnal 208 First Tune THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (kneeling)

Almighty and everliving God,

we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and Passion of thy dear Son.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.



People: Amen.

DISMISSAL (Stand after the response.)



Go forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

He leadeth me -- Hymnal 426



AVE REGINA CÆLORUM

The Ave Regina Cælorum is the seasonal anthem prayed from the day after Candlemas until Wednesday in Holy Week.



- V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy Virgin.
- R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

RANT us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness: that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God may, through the aid of her intercession, rise again from our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Please join us after mass for coffee hour and fellowship.

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On November 14, 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the following **Guidelines on the Reception of Communion**. The guidelines, which are to be included in leaflets and other participation aids published in the United States, seek to remind all those who may attend Catholic liturgies of the present discipline of the Church with regard to the sharing of Eucharistic Communion.

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.



Prot. N. 160/15

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

DECREE

Desiring to heal wounds of division in the Body of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI approved the erection of Personal Ordinariates for Anglicans wishing to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Attentive to their attachment to various customs and traditions that developed in the Anglican Communion over the nearly five hundred years of separation from the See of Peter and that are in accord with the Catholic faith, among the provisions of the Apostolic Constitution Anglicanorum coetibus is included the authorization for the preparation of liturgical books that draw from the Anglican liturgical and spiritual patrimony.

Aware that authentic Catholic worship in Spirit and truth has always found expression in diverse forms, this Congregation, together with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, drawing from various Anglican sources and from the current Roman Missal, has prepared this text for the celebration of the Mass in the Personal Ordinariates.

Therefore, wishing that the fruits of the labors of pastors, religious, and lay faithful of years past may remain ever abundant in the Church, this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, now approves this Missal as a legitimate adaptation of the Roman Rite, drawn up in the English language and called « Divine Worship: The Missal », as in the attached copy, and makes it available for all those who have the right to it from the date established by the Ordinaries of the Personal Ordinariates.

In printed editions, this Decree, which grants the approval of the Apostolic See, is to be included in its entirety.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 27 May 2015, the Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

(Robert Card. SARAH) *Prefect*

