

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 17, 2024—Fifth Sunday of Lent



## ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*In reflecting on today's readings, I am reminded of the unlimited nature of God's love in the gift of his son, Jesus. He freely offers mercy and forgiveness but also asks something from us. We are asked to submit – a word that we don't use much in our daily lives. We hear and talk more about fulfilling ourselves, striving for success, being all we can be, and so on. Not that those things are necessarily wrong, but submission requires something different – a giving up of oneself. That's at the crux of our salvation, our response to God's amazing gift. God's gift is freely given to all, and never rescinded. In submitting, we die to the worship of ourselves and are broken open so that we can rise to new life in Jesus. So, I have to ask myself . . . do I really submit to God's will for my life? Do I respond to God's gift by giving up my own agendas? Do I hold up my part of the covenant? – Sherry Scanza*

*Please join me in prayer:*

O, Lord, your covenant of love is written on our hearts.

As I hold St. Catherine of Siena Parish in prayer during this fifth week of Lent, help us to die to self so that we may produce good fruit – acts of kindness, patience, and compassion, especially among those who are sick, homebound, or restricted in any way.

Amen.



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community through worship, witness, and service.*

*St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer*

# St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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Pastoral Council minutes available at [stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes](http://stcathofsiena.org/pastoral-council-minutes)

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

### Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

### Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at [www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream](http://www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream).

**Accommodations:** *Gluten-reduced hosts* are available; please go to the presiding priest during Communion.

*Personal listening receivers* are available in the Atrium.

### Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. We also celebrate Mass at Kendal of Ithaca (2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.); Bridges Cornell Heights (3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.); and Brookdale Senior Living (4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.).

### Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation** is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and by appointment.

### Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism. Please fill out the Baptism Registration Form on our website.

### Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state. Please fill out the Marriage Registration Form on our website.

### Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. John directly at 607-302-0143. Please alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Corner, please call the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. John.

### Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org).

The collection numbers for March 10 will be included next week. Thank you for your patience.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income — March 3, 2024

	<u>3/3/24</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$4,062	\$143,347
Loose Collection:	\$455	\$20,583
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$4,129	\$150,865
Holy Days (Ash Wednesday):	\$0	\$3,196
Christmas:	\$0	\$8,268
Easter:	\$120	\$120
Collection to Support Schools:	\$0	\$1,581
Collection for Buildings and Grounds:	\$0	\$1,206
Christmas/Easter Flowers:	\$0	\$1,650
Votive Candles:	\$0	\$2,375
Memorials:	\$0	\$600
Total Collection for This Week:	\$8,766	\$324,470
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,115	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$5,349)	

We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING: MARCH 17–24

All liturgies are available both in person and via livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website ([stcathofsiena.org](http://stcathofsiena.org)) or at [tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream](http://tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream).

#### Monday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

5:30 p.m. MASS: Mary & Jim Gilligan and Deceased Family  
Members by the Gilligan Family

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council

#### Tuesday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. MASS: Joe Campanella by Sharon, Judy, Mary, and  
Chuck

10:30 a.m. MASS AT BRIDGES CORNELL HEIGHTS

6:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

6:00 p.m. First Eucharist Preparation

#### Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. MASS: Felix & Mary Mack by Jan Topoleski

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday, March 21

9:00 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m. MASS: Kay LaLonde by Mary Kay LaLonde

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:15 p.m. Soup Supper

#### Saturday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 a.m. AA

9:00 a.m. Children's Choir

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: Pace in Our World

#### Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. MASS: Mason and Michael Fox for Their Birthdays  
by Their Family

11:30 a.m. MASS: Our Parishioners

2:00 p.m. Memorial Reception for María Inés Versage  
Agudelo

#### Daily Readings

Mon., Mar. 18: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tues., Mar. 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wed., Mar. 20: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thurs., Mar. 21: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri., Mar. 22: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat., Mar. 23: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun., Mar. 24: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

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*A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.*



## Parish Information

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues **this Sunday, March 17**, with the Gospel According to Mark between the Masses, **10:15-11:15 a.m.** All are most welcome at any time. Please bring your Bible.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH 16/17

Representatives from the Ithaca council of the Knights of Columbus will be here after all Masses **this weekend, March 16 and 17**. The Knights of Columbus are a global Catholic fraternal service order open to men 18 and older who are practicing Catholics. Please stop by to talk with them if you are interested in finding out more.

### EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers that grace our altar for Easter are supplied through generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. Envelopes for the flower memorials are available in the atrium and from the Parish Office. Please return your envelope **by this Wednesday, March 20**, by dropping it off at the Parish Office or putting it in the collection basket. The names of those memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

We will have our last Friday Stations of the Cross and soup supper **this Friday, March 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** during Lent. All are welcome to attend the Stations and stay for a meal of soup, bread, and fruit.

### MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 25

Join us for dinner and a viewing of the movie *Father Stu* on **Monday, March 25, from 6-8:30 p.m.** in Mahler Hall. The movie, based on a true story, is about Stuart Long, a failed boxer who overcomes many obstacles to be ordained and become an inspirational Catholic priest. Bring your own drinks and a few dollars to contribute to pizza, and bring whatever other movie snacks you would like. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:15 p.m. We will end the evening with a short discussion of the movie. The movie is rated R.

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

So far, 133 donors have pledged \$50,227 toward our goal of \$63,000. That's **80 percent** of our goal! Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA.

### PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

*Andy Skibinski, Gene Milliman, Connie Bates, Alice Broscius, Katherine Kinsella, Ann Leclere, David Leclere, Michael Kimball, June Haynor, Paul Bates, Michael Luzzi, Chloe Wetzel, Kathy Teeter, Ramona Forney, Donna Dutton, Emily O'Mara, Cindy Horner, Ruth Horner, Joan Dalbano, Stephanie Hawkins, Beth Hawkins, Burt Allen, Danny Palardy, Lee Miller, Ruthe Bruen, Dale Bathe, Jack Colangelo, Kathy Boice, Julian Kuczma, James Bilinski, Elizabeth Colangelo, Ron Ross, Cara Wynn, Lonnie Slape, and Andrea Caraccilo.*

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

*Mary Mulvanerton*

### BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON APRIL 7

We will hold a catered luncheon at St. Catherine's on **Sunday, April 7, at 1 p.m.** for those who are grieving. The afternoon includes a speaker from Hospicare. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, especially during the past year, you are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP to Lisa Hens at [lisa.hens@dor.org](mailto:lisa.hens@dor.org) or 607-257-2493 by Tuesday, April 2.



### ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

All are welcome to Eucharistic Adoration from **9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. every Wednesday**. Because we do not want to leave the Eucharist unattended, we have a signup sheet to make sure that each hour is filled. You can sign up on our website ([stcathofsiena.org](http://stcathofsiena.org)) or through the Parish Office. However, you are still most welcome to come to Adoration for any amount of time, even if you are not able to sign up.

### LOST COAT FROM BEYOND THE PLATE

One of our Beyond the Plate attendees is missing his coat—a plain, black, three-quarter length coat. A similar coat was left behind at St. Catherine's. If you have the wrong coat, please contact the Parish Office to exchange for yours. Thank you!

### THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our thanks to *Margaret Slight*, who recently washed and returned all our altar server robes. We are so grateful for the time and effort she shared with us for such a big job. Thank you again!

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids pre-K thru sixth grade: please join us on Easter Sunday **immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will gather in Mahler Hall to get organized and give instructions before heading out back to begin. We hope you can join us. Please remember to bring an Easter basket or bag for the hunt.



## AMBO SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

During this fifth week of Lent, the symbolism on the table in front of the ambo is focused on *God's Love Giving Us Strength and Assurance*.

God's love for us is unconditional and infinite. This is seen time and time again in the Bible, where God's people fell into sin and turned their backs on God, yet God continued to stand by his people.

The steadfast love of God remains and endures, even when we do not. God knew that our lives would be full of challenges and uncertainty. He knew that we would fall short and make mistakes. In his love, we have assurance of strength as we approach the trials of this world. Life can be painful and unpredictable, but can be well lived because of God's grace, mercy, and love.

Evidence of God's love surrounds us every day, but it is in our moments of need and uncertainty that God reminds us to take notice, to listen, to see, and to feel that love.

The unfailing love of God is part of his covenant with us through Jesus. This means that it cannot be broken—you cannot be separated from his love (Rom 8:38-39). God's love has never diminished and never shall.

## LENTEN PRAYER CARDS

Throughout Lent, we have made prayer cards and bowls to help us with a deeper commitment to one another and to ready our hearts, minds, and community for the Easter celebration. There is a table in the lobby with wooden bowls, pens, and cards. The cards are provided for you to fill out for yourself, family, friends, or loved ones. Feel free to fill out a card with the first name of an individual and leave it in the bowl and then take a card from the bowl to pray daily for someone else. We encourage you to "write one and take one." For intentions that are more private, we will provide a sealed box, and the Liturgy Committee will pray confidentially for these requests. Stop by often! Prayer cards can also be found in the pews in church.

## ST. CATHERINE'S BOOK CLUB

St. Catherine's Book Club will meet on **Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. All are welcome! Looking ahead, our book for May will be *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* by Joy Harjo.

## BOY SCOUT MEETING

BSA Scout Troop 4—with over a hundred-year history—is recruiting new scouts. The troop focuses on outdoor activities like hiking, camping, paddling, and climbing while also promoting service and leadership opportunities. There will be a new scout meeting on **Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m.** in the Cayuga Heights Elementary School cafeteria. Contact Steve Shaw a parishioner at St. Catherine's, at [sbshaw@esf.edu](mailto:sbshaw@esf.edu) for more information. New scouts need to be at least 11 or completing fifth grade.

## RICE BOWL BENEFIT CONCERT

The COLLIS Institute Sacred Music Program will be presenting a Lenten concert to benefit Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl on **Saturday, March 23, from 4-5 p.m.** in Anabel Taylor Hall Chapel at Cornell. For more details, visit [collisinstitute.org/publicevents](http://collisinstitute.org/publicevents).

## RETREATS AT ST. BERNARD'S

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry is offering free half-day retreats to help us journey deeper into prayer with the saints. The retreats, by Professor Lisa Lickona, will focus on these saints:

- *March 23*: Patrick of Ireland
- *April 27*: Catherine of Siena
- *May 18*: Pope John Paul II
- *June 22*: Francis of Assisi
- *July 20*: Ignatius of Loyola
- *August 17*: Bernard of Clairvaux
- *September 21*: Therese of Lisieux
- *October 19*: Teresa of Avila
- *November 16*: Charles de Foucauld
- *December 14*: Mary, the Mother of God

For more information, see [stbernards.regfox.com/saints](http://stbernards.regfox.com/saints).

## MASS ATTENDANCE, MARCH 9/10

	<i>In person</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
March 9, 5 p.m.	89	56
March 10, 9 a.m.:	98	37
March 10, 11:30 a.m.	109	61
<b>Total:</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Church capacity:</b>	<b>1,200</b>	



## FR. JOHN'S HOMILY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

One of the simplest and most consoling hymns ever written is:

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear,  
 What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!  
 O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.

Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn in 1857. He was a Christian missionary working in Canada. When he heard that his mother was seriously ill in Ireland, he could not go there to be with her. Instead, he wrote a consoling letter, enclosing it with the words of this hymn, and mailed it to her. He offered to her in her illness the company and the comfort of Jesus. He knew that at times of illness and loneliness, there is none who can give us better company and comfort than Jesus. There can be no greater friend than Jesus.

The great Lenten Sundays reach their high point today. In our first reading today, prophet Ezekiel, writing while in captivity in Babylon, gives the people of Israel hope that God will bring them back from captivity to the promised land.

In today's Gospel, we heard about the incident of the death and the raising of Lazarus. Jesus, who was the friend of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, often stayed in their house whenever he was on the way to Jerusalem and partook of their hospitality. By raising Lazarus from death, Jesus not only showed his true friendship, but also showed his power over life and death.

This brings us to the threshold of the Easter mystery and its message of new life. Jesus had restored the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow of Nain, but the Lazarus account is different in its length, the details, and the elaboration of so many different positions: that of the skeptical apostles, who only half-understand what Jesus is doing and who he is; the Jews, who look curiously, half doubting and half believing; Martha, who is so full of inexpressible faith and hope; the more painful questions of Mary – "Lord if you had been here our brother would not have died." This is the cry of all the bereaved down the ages, the desperate sadness of our human condition confronted with limitation and mortality. Who will help us? Who will bring meaning to our loss, hope to our lives?

Jesus has already associated himself with the living water of cleansing and forgiveness; he has already proclaimed himself the light of the world who brings true illumination of heart and mind. Now, in the most extraordinary of all his "I AM" sayings, he declares himself the resurrection and the life and shows his faith in his Father by exercising his power over death. The radical and extraordinary nature of his statement is the equivalent of a doctor assuring his patient that he is the operation and the healing of his sickness. This challenge to comprehension carries us to the edge of our rational capacity. What does Jesus mean? In the limitation of his human nature, he feels the despair and grief of loss and mourning; in the deep inner assurance of his divinity, he knows he has power over death through oneness with his Father.

He not only promises us new life after death, but transformation of our present reality, our present fears. Jesus will give us new life in the Spirit, a life in touch with the mystical communion of the Trinity, a life which will change our perception of the world now, and even when death intervenes, will continue to the fulfillment of all things in Christ.

St. Paul sees into the spiritual mystery: "though your body may be dead, it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified." Knowing this helps us to affirm with Martha: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the son of God, the one who was to come into the world."

Today's readings call us to recommit ourselves, including the Elect, to the belief of the resurrection of bodies from the dead, just as Jesus taught those who were present at the resuscitation of Lazarus.

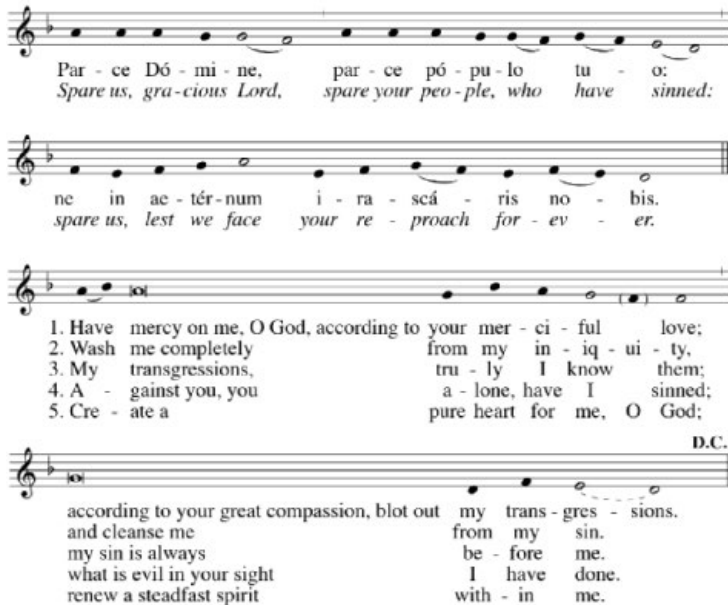
We are also invited to the Lord Jesus our true friend; in His hands are the questions of life and death. Take everything to Him in prayer.



## MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our cantors are: Janet Strebel (5 p.m.), Juan/Michelle Arroyo (9 a.m.), and Lisa Hens (11:30 a.m.).

**Prelude:** *Parce Domine*, verse 5 (Gather #473)



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## Processional Hymn: Lift High the Cross (Gather #881)



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.; tr. by Dimas Planas-Belfort, 1934-1992, and Ángel Matos, alt. Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947. © 1974, 1997, Hope Publishing Company All rights reserved. Used with permission of OneLicense #A-728114.

## Greeting

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Rite



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm



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## Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

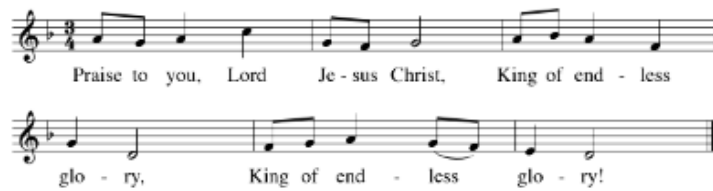
Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Lenten Gospel Acclamation



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### Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him;

but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily** (see page 6)



### Profession of Faith (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

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

**Offertory Hymn: You Are the Light** (Breaking Bread #600)



1. You are the light that stands a-lone in depth of night and eye of  
2. You are the word that's writ-ten deep with-in the hearts of all who  
3. O you are God who spoke the dawn; the sav-ior son who came in



1. storm. Where shad-ows fall, you en-ter in; ig-nite with  
2. long for end-less days be-yond the skies, for peace on  
3. flesh to be a lamp for wan-d'ring hearts, to steal our



1. hope what dark has dimmed. And though our eyes may fail to  
2. earth, a king-dom come. We sing the name that heals our  
3. dark-ness by your death. And as you rose, you gave us



1. see, it is the heart that's giv-en sight through night and  
2. souls, and share the way, the truth, the life. For hearts that  
3. peace, your Spir-it-gift to kind-ly lead. Sweet mys-ter-



1. storm, to trust in you. Up-on our path you are the light.  
2. long, both lost and found, we speak the word: you are the light.  
3. y, how true you guide. We look to you; you are the light.

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### Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray ... that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

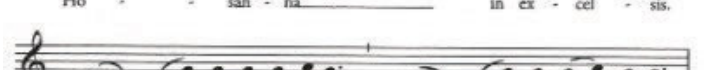
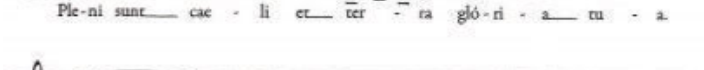
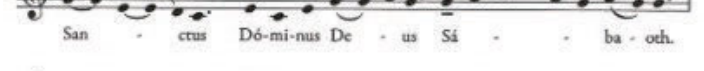
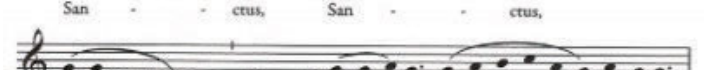
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

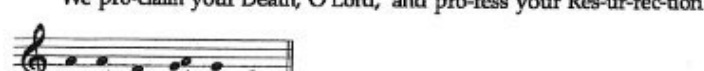
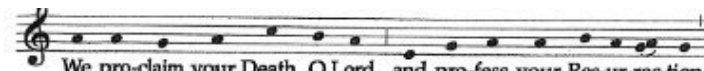
Priest: ... we acclaim:

### Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Priest: The mystery of faith.

### Memorial Acclamation



Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

Priest: ... we dare to say:

### The Lord's Prayer

People: 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 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.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

## Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are 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.**

## Communion Hymn—Unless a Grain of Wheat (Breaking Bread #504)

Refrain  
Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,  
it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.  
Verses  
1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;  
2. If an - y one serves — me, then they must fol - low me;  
‡ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you,  
5. ‡ Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;  
6. ‡ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

to Refrain  
1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. —  
2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.  
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. —  
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. —  
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. —  
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

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## Prayer after Communion

Priest: Let us pray. ... Through Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace. **People: Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn—High Above Our Way (Breaking Bread #503)

Verses  
1, 4. There's a love that is great - er than my own; there's a  
2. There's a mer - cy that's wid - er than my own; there's a  
3. There is wa - ter for ev - ery thirst - y soul; there is  
1, 4. spir - it that brings me back to life. There's a  
2. hope ev - ery sin - ner can be saved. There's a  
3. bread that will tru - ly sat - is - fy. There's a  
1, 4. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can  
2. pow - er that rolls a - way the stone that is  
3. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can  
1: to Vs. 2  
2-4: to Refrain  
1, 4. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.  
2. on - ly found in the light of Christ.  
3. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.  
Refrain  
High a - bove our way is the mind of God, love much great - er  
than my own. In - to your hands I com-mend  
1: to Vs. 3  
2: to Bridge  
my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.  
Bridge  
All you who wan - der, come and see. All you  
who la - bor, come find peace. Lay down your bur -  
(to Verse 4)  
- den and be free; come to the Lord.



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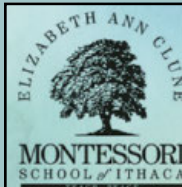
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