

Concluding Rites

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He Healed the Darkness  
of My Mind

*Jesu Dulcis Memoria*

1. He healed the dark - ness of my mind The day he  
2. Let oth - ers call my faith a lie Or try to  
3. Ask me not how! But I know who Has o - pened

gave my sight to me. It was not sin that  
stir up doubt in me. Look at me now! None  
up new worlds to me. This Je - sus does what

made me blind; — It was no sin - ner made me see.  
can de - ny — I once was blind, and now I Let  
none can do; — I once was blind, and now I see.

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PLEASE MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE  
AND SILENCE AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH.

Fourth Sunday of Lent • Laetare Sunday  
March 14, 2021 • St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O’Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Song 46 of Orlando Gibbons

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

*Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from Heav’n  
The news and Prince of Peace.*

*In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye see  
Sin, but through my tears.*

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE RITE

Paul M. French

ANTIPHON & HYMN

How can I be af - raid? God is my sav - ing light.

From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your Church must jour - ney, Lord,  
Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your voice speaks deep with - in,  
We sit be - side the road and plead, "Come, save us, Da - vid's Son!"  
From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your Church must jour - ney still,

Bap - tized in grace, in grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.  
Re - turn - ing us to ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.  
Now with your vis - ion heal our eyes, The world's true Light a - long.  
Through cross and tomb to Eas - ter joy, In spir - it - fire ful - filled. *CONTINUES*

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING



# PENITENTIAL ACT

# CONFITEOR

*CHANTED ON A SINGLE TONE*

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

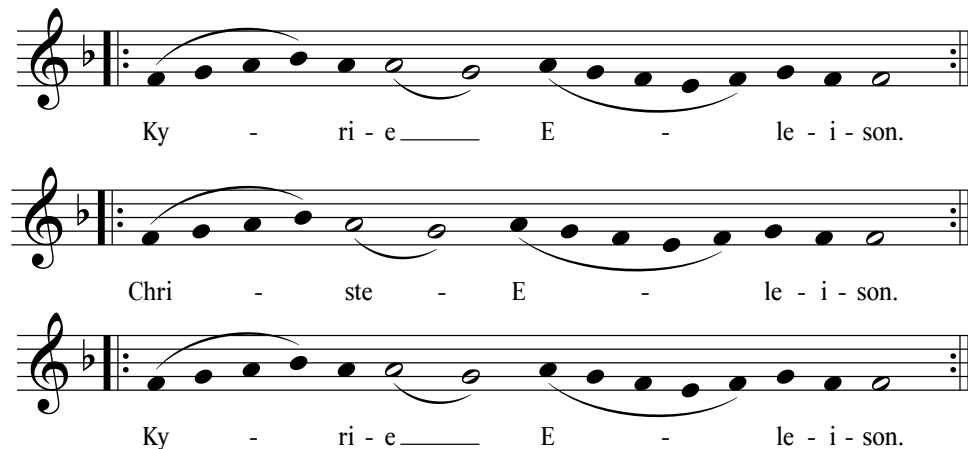
I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE ELEISON



Music: Kyrie from Missa pro Defunctis, Graduale Romanum

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

John 9:11, 38

Columba Kelly, OSB

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



The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread?

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to inquire at his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his shelter  
in the day of evil.  
He hides me under cover of his tent;  
he sets me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be raised  
above my foes who surround me,  
and I shall offer within his tent  
sacrifices full of exultation.  
I will sing and make music for the LORD.

Hide not your face from me.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.

*Verses from Psalm 27*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# Communion Rite

LAMB OF GOD

Mass XVIII

Gregorian Chant

Cantor:

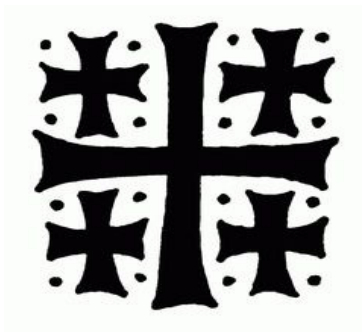
All:

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.

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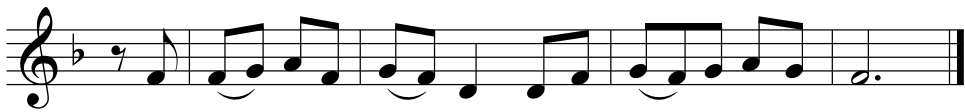
# Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

*David is anointed as king of Israel.*

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 Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth ing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
for years to come.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*

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.

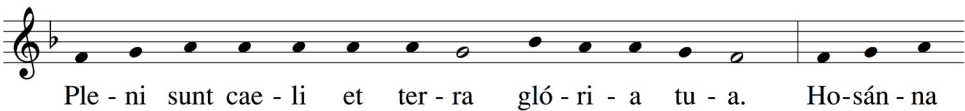
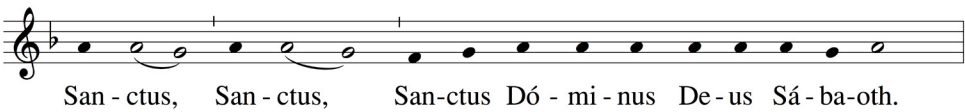
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

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:

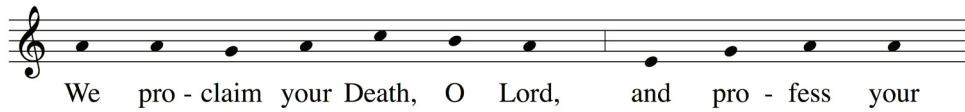
“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Sanctus



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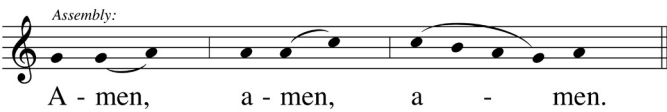
Memorial Acclamation



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Great Amen

*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.



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 135:3, 6

Adam Bartlett

*On this “Laetare Sunday” the Church gives us a joyful text to pray.*

Praise the Lord, for he is good.

Sing a psalm to his name, for he is delightful.

The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.

## (10:30) ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes     Stephen Chatman (b.1950)

*The composer uses the expressive technique called “text painting” with the initial melody that ascends. The melody recurs with ever increasing texture and intensity, flowing with growing strength and confidence toward the words, My help cometh from the Lord.” The climax of the piece happens on the words “The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.”*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth, and forevermore.

*Text - Psalm 121*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

MASS XVIII

*Gregorian Chant*

*found on next page*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephen Eros



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.”  
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, and  
the one speaking with you is he.”  
He said,  
“I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

HOMILY

(10:30) SCRUTINY II

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT -  
RITE OF EXORCISM - DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT

*The Scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. They are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.*

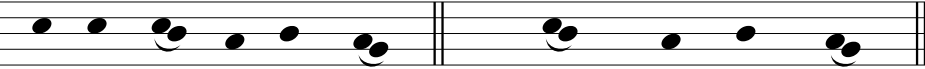
(5:00, 8:30) NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, <i>making a profound bow</i> and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.	he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,	

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Cantor

All



Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.