

# First Sunday of Lent • February 18, 2024

## St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

*"Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of christian initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own baptism and do penance." - Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 109*

PRELUDE: Jesu Dulcis Memoria

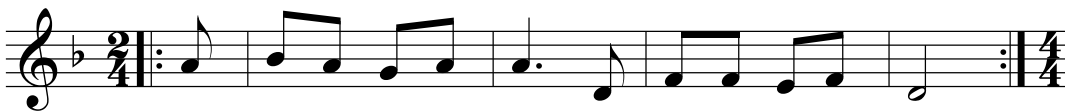
Gerald Near (b.1942)

### Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE RITE

Paul M. French

**Cantor, then all:**



God hears us when we call and res-cues us from death.

**All:**



1. From ash-es to the liv-ing font Your Church must jour-ney, Lord,
2. Through fast-ing, prayer, and char-i-ty Your voice speaks deep with-in,
3. From des-ert to the moun-tain-top In Christ our way we see,
4. 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.  
So, temp-ered by temp-tat-ion's might We might trans-fig-ured be.  
Through cross and tomb to Eas-ter joy, In Spir-it-fire ful-filled.

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on the  
next page*

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING



## PENITENTIAL ACT: CONFITEOR

### CHANTED ON A SINGLE TONE

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,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

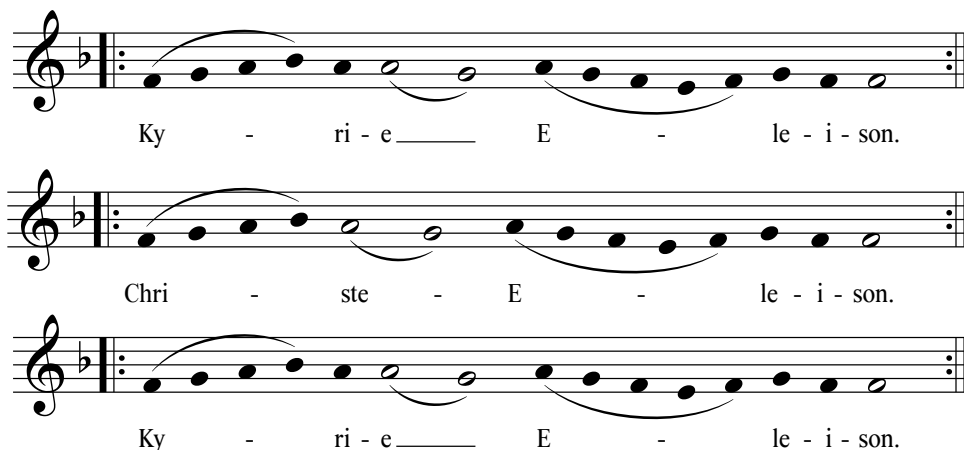
*Then they continue:*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## KYRIE ELEISON

## Missa pro Defunctis

## Gregorian Chant

**Cantor, then all:**



Music: Kyrie from Missa pro Defunctis, Graduale Romanum

# *Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

*God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you:  
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals  
that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;  
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”

God added:

“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,  
of the covenant between me and you  
and every living creature with you:

I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign  
of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth,  
and the bow appears in the clouds,

I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,  
so that the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy all mortal beings.”



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.

Good and upright is the Lord,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

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## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

*The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.*

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.  
Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.  
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,  
who had once been disobedient  
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah  
during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.  
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.  
It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.



Glo - ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

*- Matthew 4:4b*

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

*Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

## HOMILY

Fr. Jim Deiters

## APOSTLES' CREED

*"...especially during Lent and Eastertide, the baptismal Symbol of the roman church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used." – Roman Missal*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,

*making a profound bow*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

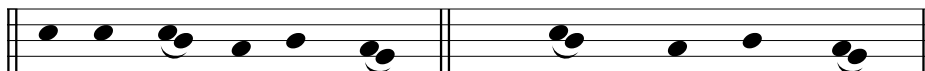
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day

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

*Deacon/Cantor*

*All*



Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

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# *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 91:4

Adam Bartlett

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you shall find hope.  
His faithfulness shall encompass you as a shield.

8:30 - MOTET

O God of Mercy

Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)

O God of mercy, God of compassion,  
look on your children,  
O hear the prayer that we offer here.  
Send us your favor, grant us your blessing,  
help us do justice, showing your kindness,  
may we walk humbly with you, O God.

10:30 - MOTET

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Richard K. Fitzgerald  
(b.1973)

Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery  
Be Thou my Health and Life.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
That I may sing above  
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee  
The strains of praise and love.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

## SANCTUS

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## 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.

*Assembly:*

A - men, a - men, a - men.



# 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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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 4:4b

Adam Bartlett

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

REFRAIN

Return to God

Marty Haugen

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and

mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.  
O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.  
Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.  
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,  
That we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

Call to remembrance, O Lord,  
Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness,  
which hath been ever of old,  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:  
but according to Thy mercy  
think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

- *Psalm 25:5-6*

# Concluding Rites

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

### O Sun of Justice

### *Jesu Dulcis Memoria*



1. O Sun of jus - tice, Je - sus Christ, Dis - pel the
2. In this our "time ac - cept - a - ble" Touch ev - 'ry
3. The day, your day, in beau - ty dawns When in your
4. O lov - ing Trin - i - ty, our God, To you we



dark - ness of our hearts, Till your blest light makes  
heart with sor - row, Lord, That, turned from sin, re -  
light earth blooms a - new; Led back a - gain to  
bow through end - less days, And in your grace new -



night-time flee And brings the joys your day im - parts.  
newed by grace, We may press on toward love's re - ward.  
life's true way, May we, for-giv'n, re - joice in you.  
born we sing New hymns of grat - i - tude and praise.

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

# Opportunities during Lent

## PRAYER

### Monday Evenings

Mass, Soup, and Speaker Series

*6pm Mass, 6:30 soup dinner, 7:15 presentation*

Please see the bulletin or scan the QR code for the topics and speakers.



### Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

### Fridays at 6pm

Stations of the Cross

### Reconciliation

Tuesdays from 6pm-7pm

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30

Thursday, March 21st at 7pm (10 confessors available)

## FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## ALMSGIVING

CRS Rice Bowl – available for pickup in the gathering space

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