

Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 10, 2024

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott - BWV 721 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;
in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.
Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me. - Psalm 51*

Introductory Rites

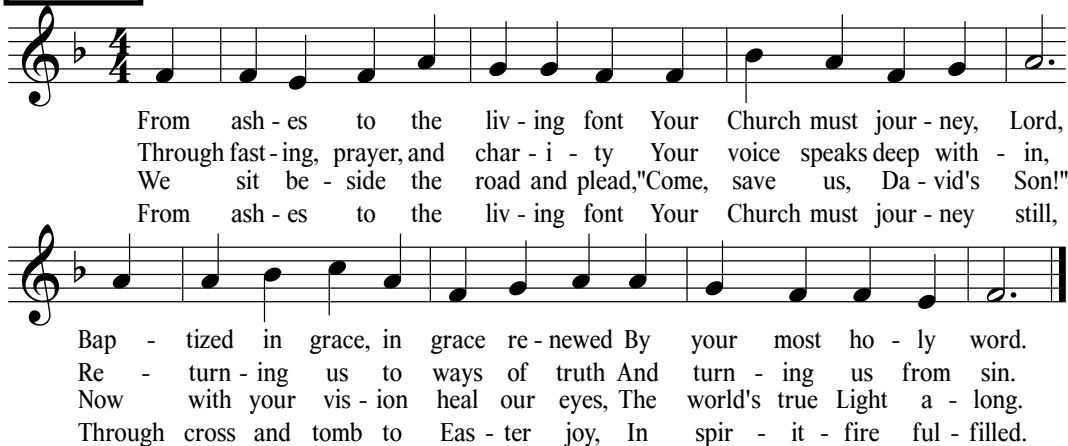
ENTRANCE RITE

Paul M. French

Cantor, then all:



All:



Music by Paul M. French (b.1959); Text by Alan J. Hommerding

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

All: A-men. *All:* And with your spir-it.

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

Kyriale Romanum

Cantor, then all:

Ky - ri - e - E - le - i - son.
Chri - ste - E - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e - E - le - i - son.

Music: Kyrie from Missa pro Defunctis, Graduale Romanum

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

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

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 23

Richard Rice



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

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.”



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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

those who follow me will have the light of life. – John 8:12

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him,

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned;

it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,

and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is, “ but others said,

“No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him,

“How were your eyes opened?” He replied,

“The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me,

‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God,

because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said,

“How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

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."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind?"

How does he now see?" His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied,

"If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said,

"You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them,

"This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

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

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them,

"If you were blind, you would have no sin;

but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

HOMILY

Fr. Jim Deiters

10:30 – DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS



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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



Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 135:3, 6

Adam Bartlett

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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Stephen Chatman
(b.1950)

The composer uses the expressive technique called "text painting" with an initial melody that ascends "to the hills." The melody recurs with ever increasing texture and intensity, flowing with growing strength and confidence toward the words, "My help cometh from the Lord." This text from Psalm 121 is especially appropriate given that this Sunday's readings lead us to reflect on our "spiritual vision."

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

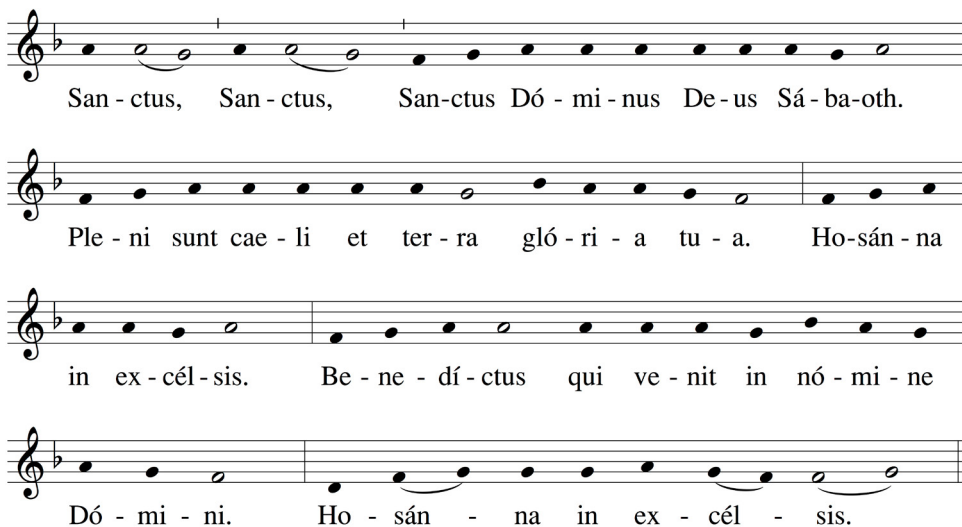
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

These acclamations may be sung without organ accompaniment,

IN WHICH CASE THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD STILL SING WITH FULL VOICE!

The choir is present to encourage and sustain the assembly's singing; not replace it.

SANCTUS



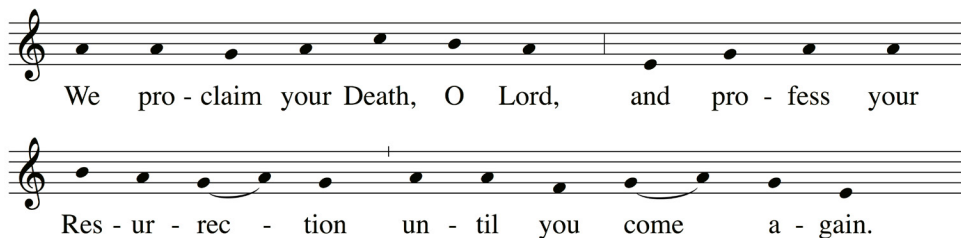
San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

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

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

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - céł - 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



Assembly:

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

Communion Rite

AGNUS DEI

Mass XVIII

Kyriale Romanum

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.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

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.



REFRAIN



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10:30

God Be In My Head

David Evans Thomas
(b.1958)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.



*Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind
of goodness and righteousness
and truth.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

He Healed the Darkness

Jesu Dulcis Memoria



1. He healed the dark - ness of my mind The day he
2. Let ot - hers 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 see.
none can do; ____ I once was blind, and now I see.

PLEASE EXIT THE CHURCH NAVE

SILENTLY AND REVERENTLY.

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Looking ahead to Holy Week...

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

12:15pm - Midday Prayer

5:30pm - Evening Prayer

6:00pm - Mass

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

12:15pm - Midday Prayer

5:30pm - Evening Prayer

6:00pm - Holy Hour & Confessions

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

12:15pm - Midday Prayer

5:30pm - Evening Prayer

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

7:00pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00pm Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

7:30am - Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8:00pm - The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(fulfills Sunday Obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am & 10:30am - Sunday Mass