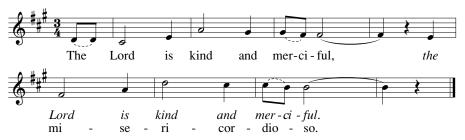
#### AT THE COMMUNION, HYMN The Lord is kind and merciful



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11:00 AM — **ANTHEM** God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

— John 3:16-17

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Choir School of the Cathedral of the Madeleine, Salt Lake City, will be singing the 11:00 am Mass at Nativity on Sunday, April 21. Founded in 1996 by a group of visionary parents, it is the nation's first choir school at a Catholic cathedral, one of the few to accept both boys and girls, and perhaps the only one founded after Vatican II. Under their current director, Melanie Malinka, the standard is very high indeed (check out their 2020 video of Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" on YouTube!).

Their visit is part of their Spring tour, and coincides with the effort to establish an advanced boys' and girls' choir at Nativity. This will be an extraordinary opportunity for young people. The Director, Brian Carson, has vast experience in this area; in addition to providing the best in choral music each week at Mass, his choirs have been accepted by audition recording to sing at St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, and the Gesù in Rome; Westminster Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and York Minster in England, and The White House. For more information about a boy or girl joining the nucleus that has already committed to this choir, please send an email to <bcarson@nativitystpaul.org>. In the words of one choir parent: "Wow, this is so exciting!!! Thank you for this opportunity! We are so grateful for your expertise and for already providing [our daughter] with such a rich musical education and experience over the past year."

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** There's a wideness in God's mercy



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt. Tune: IN BABILONE, 8 7 8 7 D; Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenlities, c.1710

**POSTLUDE** Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt, BWV 637 Through Adam's fall all is corrupt

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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) **LÆTARE**

March 9, 2024, 5:00 pm; March 10, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

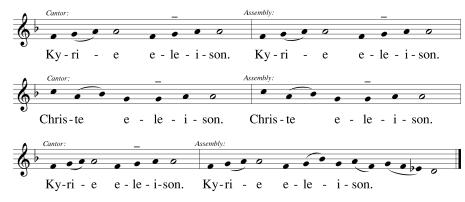
**PRELUDE** O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 J.S. Bach (1685-1750) O man, bewail thy grievous fall

ENTRANCE HYMN Again we keep this solemn fast



Text: Ex more docti mystico; ascr. to Gregory the Great, c.540-604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b.1949, © Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543; harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

#### KYRIE ELEISON



#### FIRST READING II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6



By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps. **R.** 

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!" R.

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R.

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. **R.** 

## **SECOND READING** Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 3:16



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

#### **GOSPEL** John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## **OFFERTORY** (sung by the Cantor)

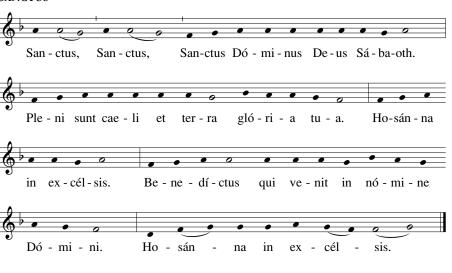
Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.



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We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.



### AMEN



### AGNUS DEI

