



St. Rita Catholic Parish
Sierra Madre, California



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

— John 9:5

Worship Aid
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4th Sunday of Lent

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Entrance Hymn

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

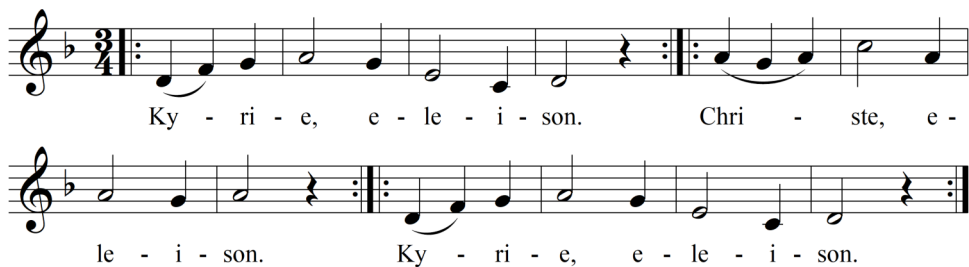


Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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Mass of Joyful Waiting

Paul Puccinelli



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FIRST READING

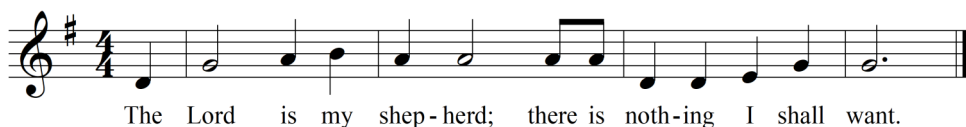
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

A reading from the Book of Samuel.

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 Word of the Lord.



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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

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 **R.**

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SECOND READING

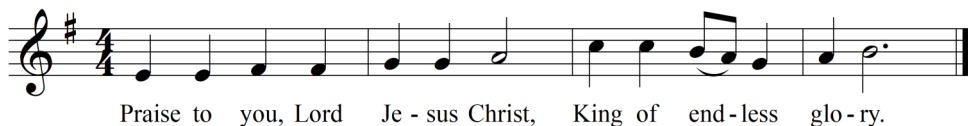
Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. **R.**

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GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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. ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer for Pastoral Implementation


Good and loving God,

We, the people of St. Rita Parish, thank you for the blessings You have graciously poured down upon us. For over 100 years You have guided our parish and for this we thank and honor You. As we work together to implement our priorities for the coming years, bless our deliberations and guide our efforts. As disciples of Jesus, assist us in our parish mission to be a community that lives by faith, is known by love and is a voice of hope. With the intercession of St. Rita, remove anything that may impede our progress and bless all that we do. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*


Preparation Hymn

OPEN MY EYES


Jesse Manibusan



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to
I live with - in you. Deep in your



see your face. O - pen my eyes,
hear your voice. O - pen my ears,
love like you. O - pen my heart,
heart, O Love. I live with - in



Lord. Help me to see.
Lord. Help me to hear.
Lord. Help me to love.
you. Rest now in me.

Eucharistic Acclamations

HOLY

Mass of the Incarnate Word

Bob Hurd

Ho - ly, _____ Ho - ly, _____ Ho - ly Lord God of

hosts. _____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. _____ Blessed is he, _____ blessed is he ____

____ who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION C

Mass of the Incarnate Word

Bob Hurd

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and the second staff is in F major (one flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes.

AMEN

Mass of the Incarnate Word

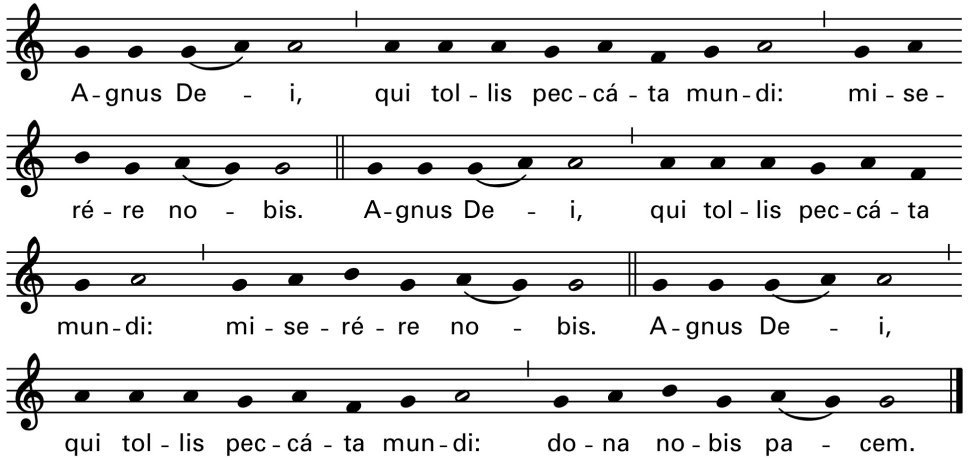
Bob Hurd

A - men. _____ A - men. _____
A - - - - men. _____

The musical notation is in 4/4 time. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and the second staff is in F major (one flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures of music, each followed by a line for the word 'Amen'. The second staff has one measure of music followed by a line for the word 'Amen'.

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AGNUS DEI XVIII



A musical score for the Agnus Dei XVIII, consisting of four staves of music in G-clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The third staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. *Amen.*

Communion Hymns

I SHALL NOT WANT

Paul Puccinelli

REFRAIN

The Lord is my shep-herd, my shep - herd is the Lord;
I _____ shall not want. _____
I _____ shall not want. _____

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line of the refrain consists of eight measures: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), and E4 (quarter). The second line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a whole rest. The third line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a whole rest. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'The Lord is my shep-herd, my shep - herd is the Lord;' under the first line, 'I _____ shall not want. _____' under the second line, and 'I _____ shall not want. _____' under the third line.

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VERSES

O Lord, you are my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. You make me lie down in green pastures where you give me repose. You lead me by still waters, you refresh my weary soul. (*Refrain*)

You show me the right path for the sake of your name, and when I walk through the dark valley there is no need to fear. For you are there by my side, with your staff which brings me peace. (*Refrain*)

A banquet you have set before me, where all my foes can see. You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows. (*Refrain*)

For your goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I'll be at home with you, Lord, forevermore. (*Refrain*)

Communion Meditation Hymn

AMAZING GRACE

NEW BRITAIN



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*Alternate text: "and set me free!"

Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.
Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.

Recessional Chant

Paul Puccinelli

Lead us through the des-ert, Lord, to the liv-ing wa-ter;

lead us through the des-ert, Lord, to the liv-ing wa-ter.