MARCH 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

LAETARE SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday in Lent is commonly known as Laetare Sunday. The word “laetare” means rejoice in Latin, and this idea is taken from the entrance antiphon for the Mass, which starts “Rejoice, O Jerusalem...”. Falling roughly at the half-way point in the Lenten season, this is a Sunday when traditional Lenten austerity is relaxed, and we have a reminder of the joyous resurrection to come. The day’s liturgical color is rose, instead of the usual purple of the Lenten season.
“Spiritus Est Qui Vivificat.”

It is the Spirit Who gives Life.

Prelude from “Suite Médiévale” by Jean Langlais. This piece is based upon the themes of the Gregorian Chant Aspereges Me

Penitential Rite – Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco

Verses

Lord Jesus, wisdom of God, by your miracles and teaching you reveal eternal truth.

Christ Jesus, mercy of God, by your healing and forgiveness you give hope to the world

Lord Jesus, image of God, by your death and resurrection you unite heaven and earth.

Gathering – Rejoice Jerusalem

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.” ~ Introit for Laetare Sunday, Roman Missal.

Purification

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, there will be Stations of the Cross following each Friday noon Mass in the Chapel. This will take the place of the normally scheduled weekly Holy Hour throughout Lent. Stations last approximately 30 minutes.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Scripture - Second Book of Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple. The priests and people are repeatedly unfaithful to God, but still God keeps sending messengers to them. Eventually their enemies destroy Jerusalem, and loot it. The people go into exile in Babylon until the Lord’s mercy calls King Cyrus of Persia to rebuild Jerusalem and take the faithful ones with him.

Responsorial - Psalm 137: By the Rivers of Babylon

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Sion; On the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.
For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. “Sing to us,” they said, “one of Sion’s songs.”
O how could we sing the song of the LORD on foreign soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
O let my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I prize not Jerusalem as the first of my joys!

Second Scripture - Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 2:4–10

Salvation is not earned but a gift from God. Not by our own deeds have we been saved but by God’s grace. Even the faith which justifies us is a gift of divine grace.
Gospel Acclamation – *Praise to You*  

\[ \text{Praise to you, Lord } \text{Je} \text{- sus Christ, king of end \text{- less } \text{glory!} } \]

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

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Gospel – *John 3:14–21*  

Jesus converses with Nicodemus. Moses lifts up the serpent in the desert to bring divine healing. Jesus will be lifted up as a light to enlighten the world. People will reveal their own nature by their reaction to the light.

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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, 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.

Prayer of the Faithful – *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts – *Tree of Life*  

Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are re-born,  
Though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn.  
Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story we may die to rise a-new.

Adorámus te Christe. (*We adore you, O Christ.*)  

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations

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Communion - Beautiful Things  
Michael & Lisa Gungot

All this pain. I wonder if I’ll ever find my way.  
I wonder if my life could really change at all.

All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found?  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

All around hope is springing up from this old ground.  
Out of chaos, life is being found in You.  
You make me new, You are making me new.

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Mission Forth - Jerusalem, My Destiny  
Rory Cooney

I have fixed my eyes on your hills,  Je - ru - sa - lem, my des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.  
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.

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