FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY

9:30AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRELUDE

An Wasserflüesen Babylon / By the Streams of Babylon  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
BWV 653  
A meditation on the Responsorial Psalm

Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

INTROIT

Laetare * Ierusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam:
   gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis:
   ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.
Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her;
   rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow;
exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom.
I rejoiced when it was said unto me: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

-Cf. Is 66:10, 11; Ps 121

PROCESSIONAL

Kyrie Eleison

The priest processes to the cross-aisle; the following refrain is repeated during the procession:

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

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,

(All strike their chest.)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; 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.

At the bidding of the priest, please kneel.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom. Refrain
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Refrain
You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Refrain

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Assembly: Amen.

Please stand.

COLLECT

After responding “Amen” to the collect, please be seated.
A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles

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!”

Cantor:

Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.

Assembly:

De - o gra - ti - as.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

Refrain

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

Refrain

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

2:4-10

We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus.

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.

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

3:14-21

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned.

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.
**Apostles’ Creed** *(Please stand.)*

*(All bow at the words in bold.)*

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

**Intercessions**

*Please respond at the bidding of the cantor.*

Hear, O Lord, enfold us in your mercy.

**Collection**

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR & THE GIFTS

Please stand at the bidding of the priest.

MEDITATION

For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever in Him believeth nevermore shall perish, but have eternal life to him given.

Amen.

-Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.
**Preface Acclamation**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel.

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

**Great Amen**

Amen, amen, amen.
COMMUNION RITE

The Lord’s Prayer (Please stand.)

Greeting of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Setting: Vatican Edition VIII.

Please kneel.

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes aways the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
**Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.  

-Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

_Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) described Spiritual Communion as an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in Sacramental Communion._

**Communion Antiphon**

_The Tribes of the Lord Go Up_

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**Prayer after Spiritual Communion** *(Please stand.)*
CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Sending

Hymn during Distribution of Communion  Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.
Tune: RATISBON, 7 7 7 7 7 7; J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815. Text and music are in the public domain.

All depart in silence.

Postlude  Danny Boy  arr. Joseph Flummerfeldt