

Eve of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

5:00 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025 (Year C)

The texts found below are those of the chants and prayers which change each week and are sung by the choir and celebrant alone.

Members of the congregation are invited to join the choir in the chants that are printed with music in the Mass booklet (“Sancta Eucharistia”).

(1) *Introitus* Cf. Isaiah 66:10, 11; Psalm 122

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

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. *V.* I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

(2) *Collecta*

Clementissime Pater, cuius sacrosanctus Filius Iesus Christus descendit de caelis panis verus esse qui vitam mundo donat: Da nobis perpetuo hunc panem ut habitet in nobis et nos in eo; per eundem Dominum nostrum Iesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum. *Amen.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***Epistola* (Epistle Reading):** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

(3) *Graduale* Psalm 122: 1, 7

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Fiat pax in virtute tua: et abundantia in turribus tuis.

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

V. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

***Evangelium* (Gospel Reading):** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

(4) *Offertorium* Psalm 135: 3, 6

Laudate Dominum, quia benignus est: psallite nomini eius, quoniam suavis est: omnia quaecumque voluit, fecit in caelo et in terra.

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely. The LORD does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth.

(5) Praefatio

Per Christum Dominum nostrum: Quia fidelibus tuis dignanter impendis quotannis paschalia sacramenta in gaudio purificatis mentibus exspectare: ut, pietatis officia et opera caritatis propensius exsequentes, frequentatione mysteriorum, quibus renati sunt, ad gratiae filiorum plenitudinem perducantur.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

(6) Communio Luke 15:32

Oportet te fili gaudere, quia frater tuus motuus fuerat, et revixit; perierat, et inventus est..

My son, you should rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.

(7) Postcommunio

Deus, qui illuminas omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum, illumina, quaesumus, corda nostra gratiae tuae splendore, ut digna ac placita maiestati tuae cogitare semper, et te sincere diligere valeamus; per Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*

Almighty and eternal God, the light of all who come into the world: fill our hearts, we pray, with the light of your heavenly grace, that our thought may always please you, and our words and deeds may bear witness to our love for you; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Last Gospel: John 1:1-18

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The Latin Minor Propers are drawn from *The Gregorian Missal for Sundays: Notated in Gregorian Chant by the Monks of Solesmes.*

The English translation of the Postcommunion is by Bruce Ford, Grace Church, Newark

We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated Bread and Wine. All persons baptized with water in the name of the Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to take Communion may come forward to receive a blessing, with arms crossed over their chest. The blessed Sacrament is given to the communicants with these words: *Corpus Christi. [Amen.] Sanguis Christi. [Amen.]*

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