

OPENING HYMN

Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; Hear how He calls you,
Come, now this day. How He does love you, follow His way,
Gently He calls you Come: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He
would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory
untold, O dearest Lord, we come!

Come, O my child now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart
your love and your all, He shall uplift you, lest you should fall,
Gently He calls you Come: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He
would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory
untold, O dearest Lord, we come!

*We celebrate the Contemporary Rite of Mass-Pg. 63*THE INTROIT (*Is 43:8-9a; Jer 5:21-22a*)

C: Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who
are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together,
let the peoples assemble! **R: Pay attention to this, foolish and
senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and
hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord? Should you
not tremble before Me?** C: Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY... Heavenly Father, enlighten our minds with
Your unchanging truth. Always believing in the Son of God may
we be led in the ways of salvation. We ask this in the name of
Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the first book of Samuel
(16:1,6-7,10-13)

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 him in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on,
the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6*)
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

THE SECOND LESSON

*A reading from The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians
(5:8-14)*

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."

This is the Word of the Lord. R: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please Stand: THE TRACT (Psalm 36:9-10)

C: We feast on the rich food of Your house; from Your delightful stream You give us drink.

R: For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light we see light.

THE GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(9:1-41)*

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, and 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Hear my Cry, O Lord, attend unto my prayer
From the ends of the earth, will I cry out to thee

And when my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
That is higher than I

For thou hast been a shelter unto me
A high tower, Lord, from the enemy

And when my heart is overwhelmed
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,
That is higher than I

THE HOMILY - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Healed of his blindness, the man born blind proclaims: “Lord, I believe!” With that faith in Christ, the light of the world, we come now to the Father in prayer.

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, may ever shine on our sister of Blessed Memory, Joan Spilka, as we offer this Sunday Mass with her soul at heart, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: Father, we come before You to pray for those infected with this Coronavirus. We pray for healing, comfort, and strength. We also pray for those charged with providing care, those researching medications, and those working the front lines in hospitals. For all affected, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, may ever shine through the unity and charity of his Church, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, may renew our faith as we practice prayer, generosity, and fasting this Lenten season, We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, would be at the forefront of the hearts and minds of all those who call themselves “Christians” this Lenten season, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, would be merciful to those in need of the healing grace of heaven; for Richard & Edna Samelson, Shannon Alberino, Jeremy Steinbreck, Mary Cawley, Eugene Beggin, Joan Kastak, Diane Black, Rose Petrosky, Daniel Morgan, Emma Freshwater, Jennifer Kless, Jack Spilka, John Radon, Jim Giles, Tom Slomka, Kim Penney, Nina Braquet, Tammy Teubl, David Micka, Anthony Grad, Richard Sosenko, Debbie Washenko *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: That Christ, the light of the world, may raise all those who have gone to their rest into eternal glory, especially our sister Joan Spilka, _____, for all departed friends and family members of our Parish, *(pause)* We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, your Son continues to reveal His saving truth. As we offer these prayers for others, deepen our response to His revelation. We ask it all through the Same Christ, our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE(*Isaiah 43:7-8*)

Everyone who is named is Mine, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made. Lead out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, who are deaf though they have ears.

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, You call us from darkness into light. Through the Passion and merits of Your Son may this offering strengthen us when we are tested. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

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COMMUNION HYMN

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

THE COMMUNION VERSE(*John 12:46*)

C: I came into the world as light, **R: so that everyone who believes in Me might not remain in darkness.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY... Almighty God, Your Son endured the loneliness and darkness of the cross to gain for us eternal life with You. We thank You that in this Eucharist we experience the light of Your countenance and know that we are never abandoned. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN

We Are One In The Spirit
We Are One In The Lord [2] And We Pray That All Unity
May One Day Be Restored
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love!

We Will Walk With Each Other
We Will Walk Hand In Hand [2] And Together We Will Spread
The News,
That God Is In Our Land
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love!

We Will Work With Each Other
We Will Work Side By Side [2] And We'll Guard Each Man's
Dignity,
And Save Each Man's Pride.
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love!