



**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**God First. Loving Others. Making Disciples.**

62 Warren Street | Glens Falls, New York 12801

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18 & 19, 2023



**Christ Healing the Blind**

**Artist: El Greco (1541–1614)**

**Welcome to St. Mary's Church...**

**We're glad you are here!**

If you are here visiting or are new to our parish,  
please stop at our **Welcome Desk** near the main entrance so we can meet you!

Our Welcome Desk greeters can tell you about our parish, answer questions, help you become a member, assist you with scheduling Mass Intentions, leave messages for our staff, get you connected with a Small Group, and so much more.

Thank you for joining us today! May God bless you and those you love.



GATHERING SONG *(Please stand)*

# Lead Us, Lord

Lead us Lord Lead us to be People of whom you re -

call, Lead us Lord Mak-ers are we Sol-emn and still as the Earth, a path of peace,

a path of peace. We see you and praise you O Lord,

Bright in the bless-ings at hand, Soft in the nat-ure of for-ests, On

top of your moun-tains we stand, lis-ten for the long way down, the long way

do-wn, the long way is at your side. — Lead us Lord, Lead us to be,

Ground-ed in will at your side, Lead us Lord, Help us to be, Hon-est in where we re -

side, Lead us Lord, Mak-ers are we, Hel-pers in hearts of the world,

Lead us Lord, Lead us to see, Bal - ance in all that we

know and care to be, in you are we.

## THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING:

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

**ALL: Amen**

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And with your Spirit**

## 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;**

*(Everyone taps their closed hand against their chest three times at the following line)*

**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.**

*Leader: Kyrie, eleison*

**All: Kyrie, eleison**

*Leader: Christe, eleison*

**All: Christe, eleison**

*Leader: Kyrie, eleison*

**All: Kyrie, eleison**

## COLLECT:

*(The Celebrant Prays the Collect)*

**ALL: Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

# • LITURGY OF THE WORD •

(Texts for the readings are found on the back cover)

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

*The Word of the Lord* **ALL: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23



SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

*The Word of the Lord* **ALL: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*Please stand*)



GOSPEL DIALOGUE:

*The Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.** (*Make a small cross with your thumb on your forehead, lips & heart*)

GOSPEL: JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HOMILY (*Please be seated*)

**THE PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(Please stand)*

*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,**

*(bow your head in reverence during the next phrase)*

**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.**

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

*Response:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *(Please be seated)*

# 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.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *(Please stand)*

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

**ALL: 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.**

## PREFACE DIALOGUE

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

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

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

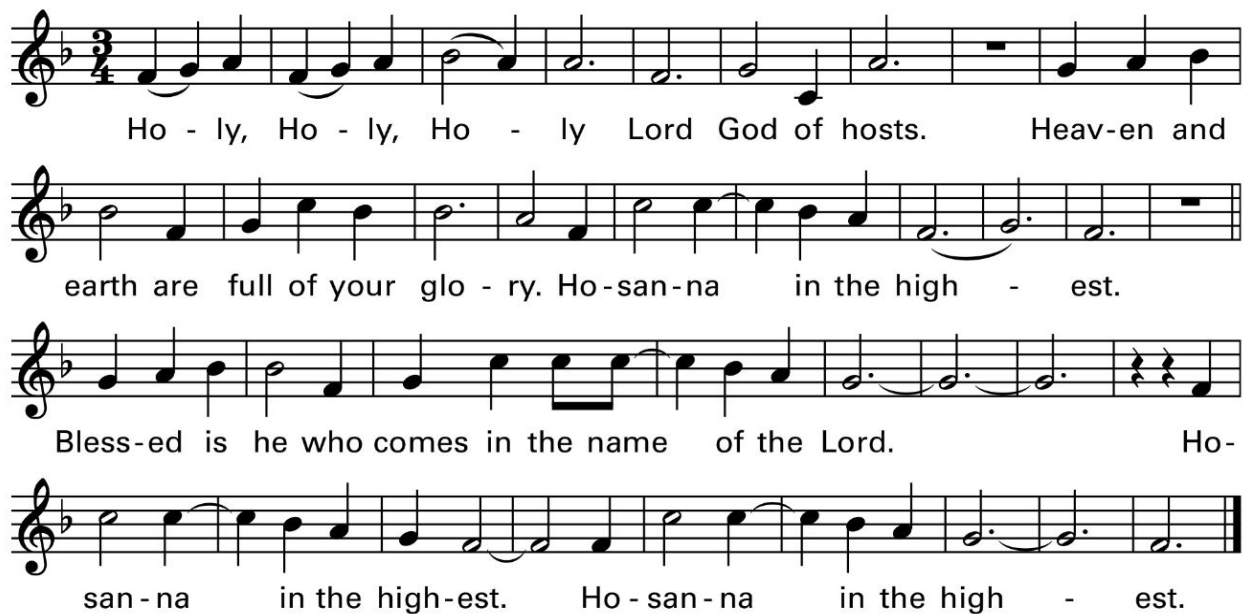
**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**ALL: It is right and just.**

## SANCTUS

### Holy

*Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Please kneel, if able, or be seated)*

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

### We Proclaim Your Death

*Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan*



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your  
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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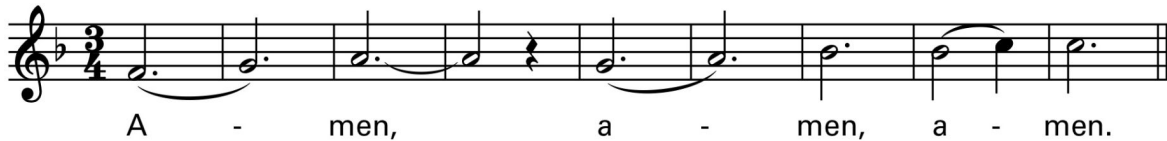
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## GREAT AMEN

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan



## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

## SIGN OF PEACE

*Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

## FRACTION RITE

### Lamb of God

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(Please kneel, if able, or be seated)*

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

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

# Holy Darkness

Refrain

Ho - ly dark - ness, bless - ed night, heav - en's an - swer  
hid - den from our sight. As we a - wait you, O God of  
si - lence, we em - brace your ho - ly night.

Verses 1-3

1. I have tried you in fires of af - flic - tion; I have  
2. I have taught you the price of com - pas - sion; you have  
3. Were you there when I raised up the moun - tains? Can you  
1. taught your soul to grieve. In the bar - ren soil of your  
2. stood be - fore the grave. Though my love can seem like a  
3. guide the morn - ing star? Does the hawk take flight when you  
1. lone - li - ness, there I will plant my seed.  
2. rag - ing storm, this is the love that saves.  
3. give com - mand? Why do you doubt my pow'r?

Verses 4, 5

4. In your deep - est hour of dark - ness I will  
5. As the watch - man waits for morn - ing, and the  
4. give you wealth un - told. When the si - lence stills your  
5. bride a - waits her groom, so we wait to hear your  
4. spir - it, will my rich - es fill your soul.  
5. foot - steps as we rest be - neath your moon.

# • CONCLUDING RITES •

*(Please stand)*

## FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And with your spirit.**

*May Almighty God bless you...*

**ALL: Amen.**

*Go forth...the Mass is ended.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## We Will Serve the Lord

Verses



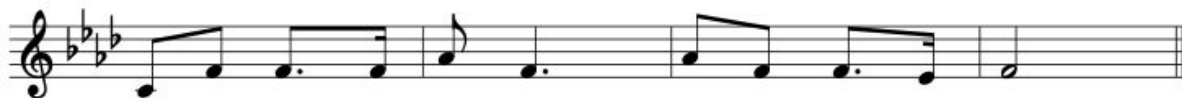
1. Wealth can be an i - dol built of gleam - ing gold,  
2. Pleas - ure is a si - ren, prom - is - ing the flesh  
3. Pow - er is a hun - ger, burn - ing in the breast, to  
4. Fath - er of all mer - cy, Giv - er of all life,



bring - ing dreams of par - a - dise, 7 fu - tures bought and sold.  
brief re - lief from emp - ti - ness, a hid - ing place from death.  
walk a - mong the might - y and tram - ple on the rest.  
here we speak our cov - e - nant a - bove the nois - y strife.



Some will choose to gath - er it, 7 all that they can hoard, but  
Some will choose to chase it un - til it leaves them bored, but  
Some will choose to gain it by lie or guile or sword, but  
Hear us shout in glo - ry a - bove the pa - gan horde: 7

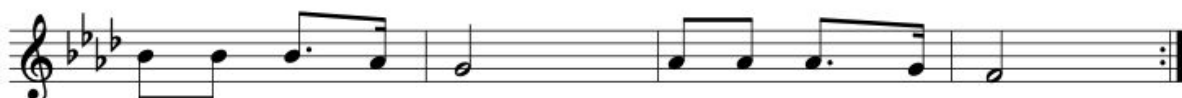


as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! *To verse 2*  
as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! *To refrain*  
as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! *To refrain*  
as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! *To refrain*

Refrain



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,



we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord!

## READINGS:

### Reading 1

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

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.

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### Reading 2

**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."

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### Gospel

**John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. 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." 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." 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.

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