

4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 19, 2023
OLMC Ridgewood, NJ



The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never,
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
With gentle care he leads me,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With heavenly food he feeds me.

The Confiteor

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,
(And, striking their breast, they say)

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.

May almighty God have mercy on us
Forgive us our sins,
An bring us to everlasting life
Amen

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

I Reading

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

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord Is My Shepherd
There Is Nothing I Shall Want

II Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
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Gospel

John 9:1-41

Homily
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.

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.

Universal Prayer

We Pray to the Lord
Lord Hear Our Prayer

What Wondrous Love Is This
WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Holy

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
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord until you come again, until you come
again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

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

In These Days of Lenten Journey

Ricky Manalo CSP

Refrain

**In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

We Are the Light of the World

Jean Anthony Greif

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Lord, our God

**We are the light of the world;
May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do,
and give glory to God.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Having rejected Saul as king, because Saul rejected God's leadership in his own life and the life of the kingdom, God now directs Samuel to find a replacement. But it is God who will choose. Impressed by the first son of Jesse, Samuel comes to learn that the Lord knows far better the heart (and character) of those who stand before him and none of them turn out to be the one, until the youngest, David, is sent for. And here is the one who receives God's spirit, the spirit David will allow to guide him and the kingdom.

2. Ephesians 5: 8-14

Darkness is the symbol of evil and death. To come to Christ in faith is to escape the darkness. But there are implications of living in this light. Such believers must produce the fruits of such a life, goodness and righteousness. They will also expose all deeds of darkness. In all this, they must realize that the light by which they live comes not from themselves, but from Christ.

3. John 9: 1-41

As is often the case in the seven signs presented in the Johannine Gospel, this narrative is another example of Johannine irony, a blind man comes to sight, literally, but, more importantly, spiritually, while those who are physically sighted are really spiritually blind. The drama unfolds in the interactions between the blind man and his neighbors, the blind man and the Pharisees, the Pharisees and the blind man's parents and, finally, the blind man and Jesus. Throughout all of these interactions, the reader follows the blind man as he slowly comes to faith in Jesus, as the One come from God, to reveal the truth about God and to lead sinner back to Him.

Reflections for the Week

1. What "blindness" blocks me from seeing what my life is really like?
2. Who are the "blind beggars" who might be able to help me see Jesus in places I miss?
3. What one truth do I see most clearly in my life?

Readings for Today's Mass

