

# **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Sensory Friendly Mass



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## Introductory Rites

### OPENING HYMN

#### Open Up The Heavens

We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing!

Open up the heavens, We want to see You  
Open of the floodgates, A mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise

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**Greeting** (please stand)



#### **Penitential Act**

Celebrant: Lord Have Mercy. **All Respond:** Lord have mercy

Celebrant: Christ Have Mercy. **All Respond:** Christ have mercy

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#### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you,  
we adore you; we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **Collect**

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)



## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

**Acts 4: 8 - 12**

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Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders: "You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a crippled man was healed. But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Isarael. This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone."

The Word of the Lord.

**All respond:** Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118: 1 and 21, 22-23

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**R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Tell the Lord how thankful you are,  
because he is kind and always merciful.  
I praise the Lord for answering my prayers  
and saving me. **R:**

The stone that the builders tossed aside  
has now become the most important stone  
The LORD has done this, and it is amazing to us. **R:**

## Second Reading

John 3: 1-2

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Beloved:

Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that he lets us be called his children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be has not yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is. The Word of the Lord.

**All Respond:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation- Alleluia** (please stand)



## Gospel

John 10 : 11-16

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. I have other sheep that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them together too, when they hear my voice. Then there will be one flock of sheep and one shepherd.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **All Respond:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(please be seated)



**Homily**



(listening)



**Profession Of Faith**

(Please stand)

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, 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.

**Prayers of the Faithful - Respond with 'Lord, hear our prayers.'**

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Altar and Gifts** (please be seated)



#### **OFFERTORY**

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



Celebrant: ... .. it will become for us the bread of life.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant: ... .. it will become our spiritual drink.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God forever.



(Please stand)

#### **Invitation to Prayer**

Celebrant: Pray Brothers and Sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All Respond:** 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **All Respond:** and with your Spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **All Respond:** We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All Respond:** It is right and just

## The Sanctus

**All Respond:** 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)

## The Mystery of Faith

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



## 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.

Celebrant: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, ... .. and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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



**Sign of Peace** - Wish everyone "Peace Be with You"

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All Respond:** and with your spirit.

### **Lamb of God**

**All Respond :** 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.



(Please kneel)

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



## Communion

### Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

### Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong, In the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

## Blessing and Dismissal



## God So Loved

### Verse 1

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more

### Verse 2

Well, come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

### Chorus

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

### Verse 3

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms  
See His open arms

### Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

### Bridge

Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him  
For the wonders of His love  
Praise God, praise God

From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him , praise Him  
For the wonders of His love  
His amazing love

***Next Sensory Friendly Mass will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

