

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18/19, 2023

Laetare Sunday



10:30 a.m. Mass is Livestreamed

St. Michael Poplar Springs, Mount Airy, MD

Prelude Music

“Lenten Introits”

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Refrain

We take up our cross, this no - ble tree. Our long-ing for its
wood is bit - ter-sweet, for by this sac - ri - fice we are freed.

Good Evening/Morning/Afternoon

Welcome to Saint Michael Poplar Springs for the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Be sure you picked up a worship aid as you entered church today. You may wish to follow it all the way through the Apostles' Creed.

Please note that the Lenten Entrance Rite begins and ends with us repeating after the cantor. This week the third verse of the hymn is the one for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A.

Also, please note there is a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. Drop your envelope in the one collection basket as it comes around today. Thank you for your generosity in helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States.

10:30 a.m.

Thank you to those joining us via livestream. Welcome! Please note that there is a link on our web-page that will lead you to a copy of the worship aid for today.

ALSO, today during the 10:30 Mass we will celebrate the Second Scrutiny with the elect – Those people preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil! We will pray with them for a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin and strength of will to live in true freedom as children of God.

ALL MASSES - Please stand and offer welcome to those around you!

5:00 – Our pastor, Father Paul, is our presider today. He is assisted by Deacon Harbey.

8:00 – Father Gerard is our presider today.

10:30 – Father Gerard is our presider today.

12:15 – Our pastor, Father Paul, is our presider today. He is assisted by Deacon Harbey

ALL MASSES Turn to page 3 of the worship aid ...

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

“Lenten Entrance Rite”

I. Introit

Alan Hommerding

Repeat the Introit for the Sunday after the Cantor

“Lenten Entrance Rite”

All Sundays

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Repeat the Introit for the Sunday after the Cantor

Cantor, then Assembly



1st: God hears us when we call, and
2nd: Your pres - ence, Lord, I seek; hide
3rd, A: O wash us clean from sin; grant

4th, A: How can I be a - fraid? God

5th, A: De - liv - er me from death, so



1st: res - cues us from death.
2nd: not your face from me.
3rd, A: us your spir - it, Lord.

4th, A: is my sav - ing light.

5th, A: I may walk in light.

2. Hymn

Alan Hommerding/LAND OF REST

Sing verse one, verse two and then the appropriate verse for the particular Sunday (which follow the music). End with verse four below.

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1. From ash - es to — the liv - ing font — Your
2. (Through) fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty — Your
3. *(Sing verse appropriate to the Sunday)*
4. (From) ash - es to — the liv - ing font — Your



1. Church must jour - ney, Lord, — Bap - tized in grace, in
2. voice speaks deep with - in, — Re - turn - ing us — to
- 3.
4. Church must jour - ney still, — Through cross and tomb — to



1. grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word. 2. Through
2. ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin. 3.
3. 4. From
4. Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - 4. filled.

4th Sunday, Year A

We sit beside the road and plead,
“Come save us, David’s son!”
Now with your vision heal our eyes,
The world’s true Light alone.

3. Introductory Rite

Priest *All* *Priest* *All*

A-men. And with your spir-it.

4. Penitential Act

arrangement by Paul French

Priest *All*

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, 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. A - men.

Cantor, then Assembly

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te, e - le - i - son.
Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Song for CLOW Dismissal 10:30 only “The Word of God”

M.D. Ridge and Timothy R. Smith

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When Faith Formation Classes are scheduled to be in session, the dismissal of the children for CLOW is presumed.

REFRAIN

Chil - dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
Children Pray for us who go to hear the word of God:

may your ears be o - pened; may you see God's light.
pray our hearts be o - pened; pray we see God's light.

May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
Pray the word of God be with us all our days: may it

Last time (☺) To Verses
find a home in your hearts.
find a home in our hearts.

First Reading

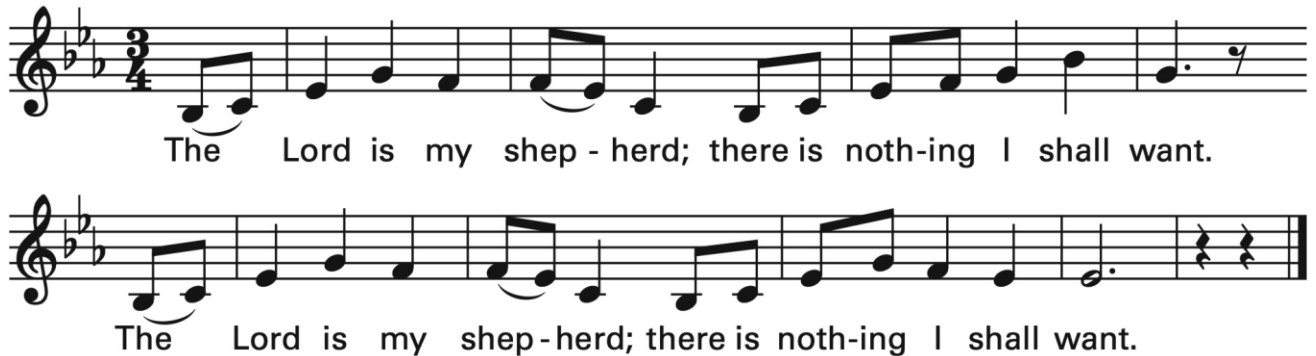
I Samuel 16: 1b, 6 – 7, 10 – 13a

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Sarah Hart

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The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

Gospel Acclamation

Lenten Gospel Acclamation from *Mass of Christ the Savior*

Dan Schutte

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Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Gospel

John 9: 1 – 41

Read in Dialogue Form

10:30 a.m. – SECOND SCRUTINY

Homily

Invitation to Silent Prayer

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

Dismissal of the Elect

All Sing: We send you forth to hear the word of the Lord.
 Take these words to heart and walk in God's ways.
 Chosen in Christ, "We Send You Forth" – Sterling Picard p. 27

Mass then continues with the Apostles' Creed and the Universal Prayer (see next page.)

Creed

Apostles' Creed

*We will pray the Apostles' Creed through Lent
in unity with those preparing to enter the Church at Easter.
<You can find this in the Lenten Worship aid, on page 11
or in the Breaking Bread book on page 10>*

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

“A Lenten Prayer”
Antonio Salieri

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamations from MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

Dan Schutte

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“Holy, Holy”

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

“Memorial Acclamation”

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

“Great Amen”

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

Agnus Dei XVIII

Graduale Romanum, 1974

Agnus Dei - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Communion Antiphon

“4th Sunday of Lent”

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephen

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The Lord a - noint - ed my eyes: I went, I
washed, I saw and I be - lieved in God.

Communion Song

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

John Bell

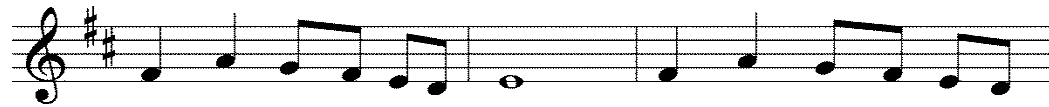
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Refrain

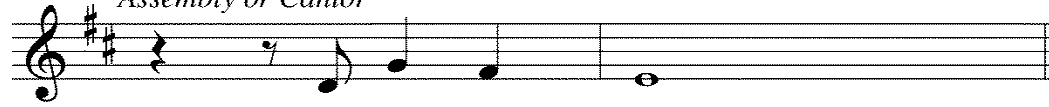


Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall



be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Lead in to refrain
Assembly or Cantor



But you, O Lord:

Please turn to in the Lenten Worship Aid to page 18. Our Song of Praise today is, “Jerusalem, My Destiny.” It is on page 18 of the worship aid. Please stand... (all sing)

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jerusalem, My Destiny”

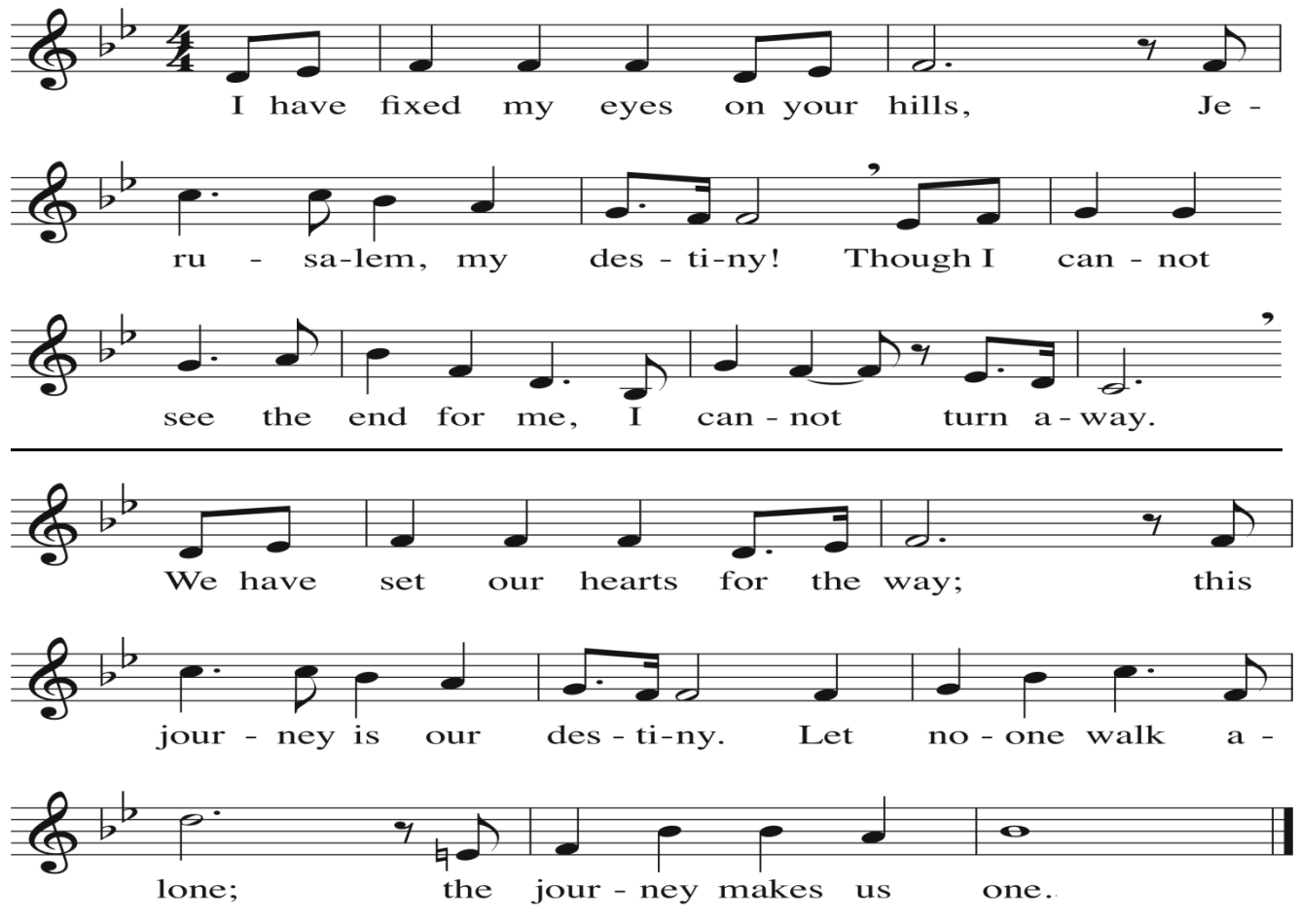
Rory Cooney

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Sing refrain/repeat/sing verse 4/sing refrain/ end



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je -
ru - sa-lem, my des - ti-ny! Though I can - not
see the end for me, I can - not turn a - way.
We have set our hearts for the way; this
jour - ney is our des - ti-ny. Let no - one walk a -
lone; the jour - ney makes us one..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musician makes the announcements while people remain standing:

- If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, please meet the priest at the Reconciliation Room for the Anointing of the Sick after he greets parishioners.
- Plan to take part in the Lenten Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00. Several priests will be present.
- Stations of the Cross continue this Friday and next at 7 p.m.

- Good Friday we will pray stations of the cross at 3:00 p.m. with our brothers and sisters from other area Christian denominations.
- You will find the Triduum (**trih**-due-uhm) and Easter schedules in the bulletin.

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Bells are rung (from the organ) to accompany the procession out of the church.