

4th Sunday of Lent Year A

Opening Hymn:

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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Liturgy of the Word:

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

David is anointed king of Israel

Response to the psalm:

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

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

John 9: 1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself,
and came away with his sight restored*



Apostles' Creed:

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.

Preparation of gifts:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.

'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

John Newton (1725-1806)

During Communion:

*O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.*

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from
death,
keeping me from harm.

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.

4. Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the
stars,
you would still be there.

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