Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round, all you who love her; rejoice in gladness, after having been in sorrow; exult and be replenished with the consolation flowing from her motherly bosom. I rejoiced when it was said unto me:

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

OPENING HYMN

There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy

1. There’s a w-i-d-e-n-e-s-s in God’s m-e-r-c-y
   L-i-k-e the w-i-d-e-n-e-s-s
   of the sea;
   T-h-e r-y o-f our m-i-n-d.
2. F-o-r the l-o-v-e of God is b-r-o-a-d-e-r
   T-h-a-n the w-i-d-e-n-e-s-s
   And the h-e-a-r-t of the E-t-e-r-n-a-l
   F-o-o-l-i-s-h h-e-a-r-t.
3. T-r-o-u-b-l-e d-s o-u-l-s, w-h-y will you s-a-t-e-r
   L-i-k-e a c-r-o-w-d of
   F-r-i-g-h-t-e-n-e-d s-h-e-e-p?
   W-h-y w-i-l-l you w-a-n-d-e-r

Which is m-o-r-e t-h-a-n l-i-b-e-r-a-t-i-o-n
W-h-e-n our l-o-v-e w-a-s w-e-l-c-o-m-e
F-u-l-l r-e-d-e-m-p-t-i-o-n
I-n t-h-e b-l-o-o-d t-h-a-t has b-e-n s-h-e-d;
T-h-e r-y o-f e-u r l-i-v-e s w-o-u-l-d b-e a l-l t-h-e m-e-n-b-e-r-s
T-h-e r-y o-f o u r l-i-v-e s w-o-u l-d b-e a l-l t-h-e t-h-a-n-k-s-g-i-v-i n g

There is j-o-y f-o-r a l-l w-h o s-t-a-t-a t h-i s w-o r-d;
T-h-e r-y o-f o u r l-i-v-e s w-o-u l d b-e a l l t-h-e m-e-n-b-e r-s
T-h-e r-y o-f o u r l-i-v-e s w-o-u l d b-e a l l t-h-e t-h-a-n-k-s-g-i-v-i n g

In t-h-e s-o-r-r-o w-s o-f t-h e H-e-a-d.
F-o-r t-h e g-o-o-d-n-e s-s o-f o u r L-o-r-d.
F-o-r t-h e g-o-o-d-n-e s-s o-f o u r L-o-r d.
T-h-e r-y o-f h-i s b-l-o-o-d.

Reading I

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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. (continues)
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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23

Antiphon

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

1. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. He is my pasture and my table; he refreshes my soul.

2. He guides me along the right path, for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will not fear, for you are with me.

3. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for length of days unending.

5. To the Father and Son give glory, give glory to the Spirit. To God who is, who was, and who will be, forever and ever.

READING II 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; (continues)

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.”

GOSPEL John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-48

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.

HOMILY  Deacon Tom Dzik

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (Please bow at the bolded words) **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

Prayer for Healing

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Amen.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS   Laudate Dominum

Praise the Lord, for he is loving; sing in honor of his name, for he is gracious. He has accomplished whatever he resolved to do in heaven and on earth.
**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

**AMEN**

Amen, amen, amen.

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**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.

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**COMMUNION MOTET “O Crux Ave” Palestrina**

Hail, O Cross, our only hope! During this Passiontide, increase grace in the just; and for sinners, blot out their sins.
CLOSING HYMN  From Ashes to the Living Font

1. From ashes to the living font
   Your Church must journey, Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed
   voice speaks deep within, Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.

2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity
   Your Church must journey still, Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, In Spirit fire fulfilled.
   Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed

3. (below)
   Your Church must journey, Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed
   ways of truth And turning us from sin.

4. From ashes to the living font
   Your Church must journey still, Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, In Spirit fire fulfilled.
   Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed

Sunday IV
3. 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.

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