

## Nativity Catholic Church Celebration of the Eucharist March 30, 2025 11 am



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Penitential Rite

*Kyrie* Chant Mass Mode III Collect

First Reading Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you."

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.



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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.



I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a

long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Homily Profession of Faith Universal Prayer

#### # Liturgy of the Eucharist #



Prayer over the Offerings The Eucharistic Prayer

HolyHeritage MassAlstottWe Proclaim Your DeathHeritage MassAlstottAmenHeritage MassAlstott

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

**Agnus Dei** Chant Mass

Mode III

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 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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#### Meditation

Beautiful Things		Gungor
Verse	Chorus	

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all
All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
You make
You make
You make
You make
All around

You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of dust You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of us

Verse
All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

Bridge

At all

You make me new You are making me new You make me new You are making me new

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**Prayer After Communion** 

## # Concluding Rites #

Final Blessing and Dismissal Recessional Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Tomlin

Verse
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace Verse

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

#### Verse

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine  $^{\odot}$ 2

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# A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Loving Creator,

We feel the pace of Lent quicken
and are filled with joy as we draw closer to Easter.

Teach us to follow the example of your Son,
to be worthy of being called one his followers.

Help us to live each day as he did—
turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.

We anticipate the celebration of your Son's Resurrection
with eagerness, faith, and a deep gratitude.

Amen.

"I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14)."

-Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2020



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