### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

### Entrance Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light #590

#### Responsorial Psalm #1026

Psalm 137: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

### Communion Hymns

Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy #44.

For God So Loved #580

I Give You My Heart #2051

Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind #72 and Merciful

# Readings

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21



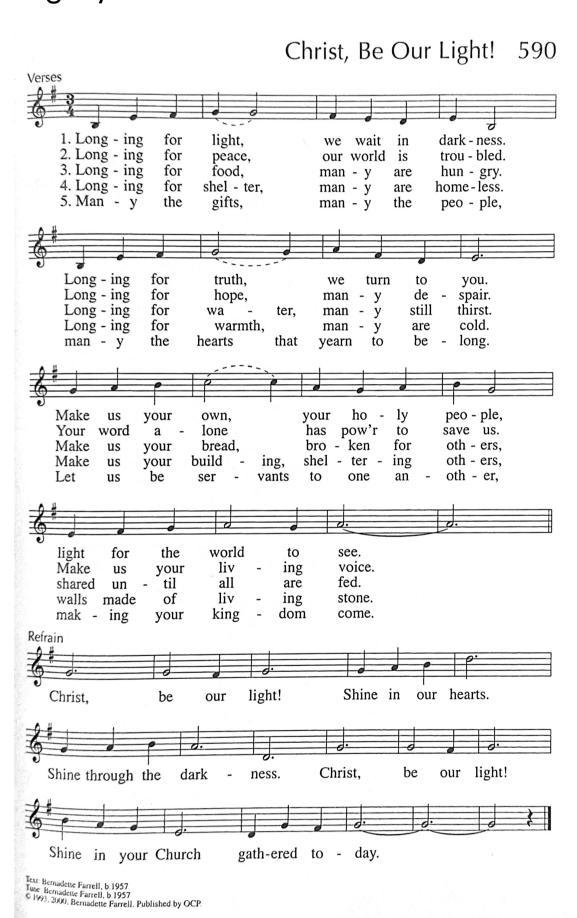
#### The Apostles' Creed

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.

#### St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### Opening Hymn



### First Reading

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity,

practicing all the abominations of the nations

and polluting the LORD's temple

which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers,

send his messengers to them,

for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God,

despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,

until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God,

tore down the walls of Jerusalem,

set all its palaces afire,

and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah:

"Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths,

during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest

while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia,

in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah,

the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia

to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,

both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth

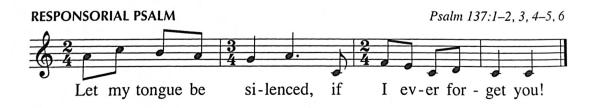
the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me,

and he has also charged me to build him a house

in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### Responsorial Psalm



Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy,

because of the great love he had for us,

even when we were dead in our transgressions,

brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —,

raised us up with him,

and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come

He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace

in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,

and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;

it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works

that God has prepared in advance,

that we should live in them.

Gospel

J<u>n 3:14-21</u>

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish

but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,

because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,

that the light came into the world,

but people preferred darkness to light,

because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light

and does not come toward the light,

so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,

so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## Communion Hymns

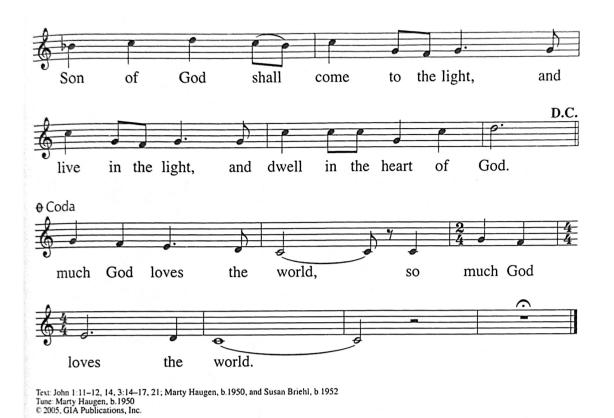
44 Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us / Señor, Que Tu Misericordia



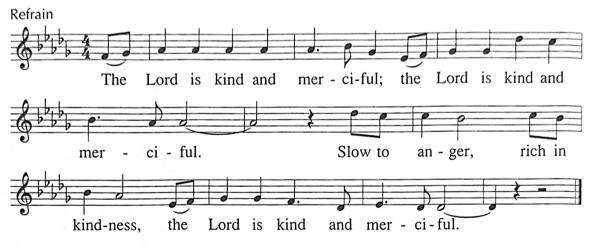
- Verses
- 1. Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful; you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.
- 2. See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope, to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.
- 3. Exult, you just, in the Lord, for praise is the song of the righteous! How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!
- 4. Our soul is waiting for God, for God is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

#### 580 For God So Loved the World





### 72 Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful



Verses

- 1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings.
- 2. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of kindness. God is good to all creation, full of compassion.
- The goodness of God is from age to age, blessing those who choose to love.
  And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant.





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