

**OPENING HYMN:**

**Christ be Our Light – Bernadette Farell**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Leader:** We gather in the name of the + Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT:**

**Leader:** Not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*Pause*

**Leader:** You healed the man born blind:  
Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** You confronted those who did not believe:  
Christ, have mercy.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** You came to give us eyes that truly see:  
Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**ALL:** Amen.

**COLLECT:**

**Leader:**           **Let us pray:**    *- pause -*  
  
                          **God our Creator, show forth your mighty works in  
the midst of your people. Enlighten your Church,  
that we may know your Son as the light of the world  
and through our worship confess him as Christ and  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and  
ever.**

**ALL:**               **Amen**

**Leader:**           **Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

\*\*\* Please see the document titled “Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also available for those families with young children.

**First Reading..... 1 Samuel 16. 1b, 6-7, 10-13**  
<https://youtu.be/Iv8RcOyBTLw>

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:*

**Lector:           The word of the Lord.**

**ALL:               Thanks be to God.**

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 23**  
<http://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/A-056%20Fourth%20Sunday%20of%20Lent%20A%20-%20Psalm%2023.mp3>

**Second Reading..... Ephesians 5.8-14**  
<https://youtu.be/KEccWdGd174>

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:*

**Lector:           The word of the Lord.**

**ALL:               Thanks be to God.**

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

**Gospel Acclamation..... John 8. 12**

*RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **The Gospel according to  
John.**

**ALL:**                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel..... John 9.1-41**

*RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALL:**                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**REFLECTION.....Prepared by Donna Rietschlin**

<http://www.st-josephs.ca/video-reflection-for-the-fourth-sunday-of-lent-2020-by-donna-rietschlin/>

*\*\*\* 30 seconds of silence\*\*\**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*\*\*\* Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

**Leader:**           **Let us stand and profess our faith together:**

**ALL:**               **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Leader:**           **Let us bring our prayers before God:**

*\*\*\*Prayers are read*

*\*\*\*Response: **Merciful God, hear our prayer***

*\*\*\* After the final prayer intention has been delivered, the Leader proceeds with the following concluding prayer.*

**Leader:**           **God of mercy, hear our prayers and invite us to see your presence in others.**

**Though we may be blind to the good in others, help us to see and love them as you would wish.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name who lives for ever and ever.**

**ALL:**               **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**Deep Within – David Haas**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6OVOK1yUJM>

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** At Jesus' invitation, we join our voices and pray.

**ALL:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Leader:** Deliver us, God, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days,  
that by the help of your mercy,  
we may always be free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.



**Leader:** Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your  
Church, and grant us the peace and unity of  
your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**Sign of Peace:**

**Leader:** Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**Leader:** Let us pray:  
God of majesty,  
you enlighten everyone who comes into this world;  
fill our hearts with the light of your grace,  
that our thoughts may always be pleasing to you  
and our love for you always sincere.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES:**

**Leader:**           **May almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit.**

**ALL:**               **Amen**

**Leader:**           **Let us go in the peace of Christ.**

**ALL:**               **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**Return to God – Marty Haugen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyYtj9XAz8M>