



Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Braamfontein

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - A  
*Laetare Sunday*  
Morning Prayer - Week IV

This is a shortened version of the office of Morning Prayer, but it retains all the elements of the service as sung at Holy Trinity each Sunday morning. Thank you for joining us online. We hope that in this uncertain time you will derive some spiritual benefit and comfort from this liturgy, as you anticipate the celebration of Mass from the Jesuit Institute at 09h00.

V. O Lord, open *our* lips  
R. **And we shall praise *your* name**

The Office Hymn is sung by all

1.  
Jesus, the sun of ransomed earth,  
Shed in our inmost souls thy light,  
As in spring days a fairer birth  
Heralds, each morn, the doom of night.

2.  
This hour of grace thou dost impart;  
Teach us with flowing tears the stain  
To cleanse from ev'ry victim-heart  
That longs to feel love's welcome pain.

3.  
Let the whole earth in worship bow,  
Great God, before thy mercy-seat,  
As we, renewed by grace, do now  
With praises new thy presence greet.

6<sup>th</sup> Century, Tr. R. A. Knox (1888-1957)  
Tune: Jesu dulcis

The canticles follow

The assembly sings the verses in **BOLD TYPE**

**Canticle: Daniel 3: 52-57**

Tone: Westminster Cathedral

**Antiphon**

Lord, you can deliver us from the hand +  
of the one who is *stronger* than we are;  
Save us, *Lord* our God.

You are blest, Lord *God of* our fathers.  
To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.

**Blest your glorious *ho-ly* name.**  
**To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.**

You are blest in the *temple* of your glory.  
To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.

**You are blest who gaze *in-to* the depths.**  
**To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.**

You are blest in the *firmament* of heaven.  
To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.

**You who walk on the *wings of* the wind:**  
**To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.**

May they bless you, the *saints* and angels.  
To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.

**From the heavens, the *earth and* the sea,**  
**To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.**

You are blest, Lord *God of* our fathers.  
To you glory and praise for *e-vermore*.

**Glory be to the Father and *to* the Son**  
**and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit,**

as it was in the beginning, +  
is now, and *e-ver* shall be,  
world without *end*.  
Amen.

**Lord, you can deliver us from the hand +**  
**of the one who is *stronger* than we are;**  
**Save us, *Lord* our God.**

**Scripture Reading:** Nehemiah 8: 9-10

**Responsory**

**R. Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. R.**

V. You were wounded because of our sins. **R.**

V. Glory be. **R.**

## Benedictus

Tone: C. Upchurch

### Antiphon

Ever since the *world* began  
it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes +  
of a man who *was* born blind.  
Only Christ, the *Son* of God,  
has *done* this.

Blessed be the Lord, the *God* of Israel!  
He has visited his people *and* redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a *migh*-ty saviour  
In the house of *David* his servant,

**As he promised by the lips of *ho*-ly men,  
Those who were his prophets *from* of old.  
A saviour who would free us *from* our foes,  
From the hands of *all* who hate us.**

So his love for our fathers *is* fulfilled,  
And his holy *covenant* remembered.  
He swore to Abraham our father to grant us +  
That free from fear, +  
and saved from the hands *of* our foes,  
We might serve him in holiness and justice +  
All the days of our life *in* his presence.

As for you, *li*-ttle child,  
You shall be called a prophet of *God* the most  
High.  
You shall go *a-head* of the Lord  
To prepare his *ways* before him.

### Intercessions

**R. *Inflame our hearts with your love.*** Our Father.

### Concluding Prayer

To make known to his people *their* salvation  
Through forgiveness of *all* their sins,  
The loving kindness *of* our God  
Who visits us like the *dawn* *from* on high.

**He *will* give light  
to *those* in darkness,  
Those who dwell in the *shadow* of death,  
And guide us into the *way* of peace.**

Glory be to the Father and *to* the Son,  
and to the *Ho*-ly Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, +  
is now and *e*-ver shall be,  
world without *end*.  
Amen.

**Ever since the *world* began  
it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes +  
of a man who *was* born blind.  
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