

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2020
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL / UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LEADER: In this time of darkness and fear, let us center ourselves in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. And so we lift our prayers before our loving God.

READER For the Church: Like the man born blind, may the works of God be made visible through us, even when we cannot see what comes next. We pray.

For local, national, and world leaders; health care professionals, military personnel, and all people of tireless service: may they make be kept safe and make wise decisions for the good and health of all. We pray.

For all who are sick, for those who have been infected by this virus, for those whose physical and mental suffering has been made harder in this time: may they know God's love and presence as they journey through this dark valley. We pray.

For those most vulnerable, for those who live alone, who have no home, and who live in nursing homes; and for those who are attentive to their needs in this time: may this time of loneliness be transformed into a culture of greater community. We pray.

For our parish community; for those adults journeying towards baptism and the sacraments of initiation; and for our young people preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation: even when we cannot gather, may we continue to journey together and live as children of the light. We pray.

For all who have died: May they be embraced and anointed by the Good Shepherd, and sit at the table of God's eternal love. We pray.

LEADER: God of light, community, and tender love,
In Jesus, you have embraced us in our darkness,
and touched us in our pain.
Hear our prayers, for our community and for our world.
May this time of physical distancing awaken our eyes and hearts,
To your love, and to our mission in this world.
We ask this through Christ, the Light of the World.