

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

LEADER: Out of the depths, let us lift our prayers to God.

CANTOR WILL INTONE THE RESPONSE ONCE BEFORE THE FIRST PETITION:
Merciful God, hear our prayer.

READER For the Church in this time of physical distance: In our love for one another, may we give glory to Christ, the resurrection and the life. We pray.

For local, national, and world leaders; for health care professionals, military personnel, service workers, 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 the fullness of God's love and mercy. We pray.

For those most vulnerable; for all who live alone; for those who have no home; and for those who live in nursing homes: may this time of loneliness and bondage be transformed into a culture of freedom and 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 Eucharist and Confirmation: even when we cannot gather, may we journey together and walk in the light. We pray.

For those who have died. May they know the eternal freedom of the one who called Lazarus from the tomb and raised Christ from the dead. We pray.

LEADER: God of life and freedom,
As we lift our prayers for our broken world,
Help us to hear the voice of Jesus, who called Lazarus out of bondage.
Listening to his voice, may we trust also in Jesus,
our freedom from every fear.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.