

# LENT IV – LAETARE SUNDAY

MARCH 19, 2023

LOW MASS

*Priest & People:* We fly / to thy patronage, / O holy Mother of God! / Despise not our petitions in our necessities / but deliver us from all dangers, / O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin!

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

*Priest & People:* Animated by this sweet and consoling hope, / I come to thee, / O worthy spouse, / of the Virgin of virgins, / and prostrate at thy feet / I seek refuge and protection. / O thou, / who hast borne the glorious title / of father of Jesus, / reject not my humble prayer, / but hear it favorably, / and present it for me to Him, / Who disdained not / to be called Son, / and who will not refuse my petition. / Amen.

*V.* He hath made him the Lord of his household,  
**R. And the ruler of all his possessions.**

*Priest:* Let us pray. O God, Who in Thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may merit to have him for our intercessor in Heaven, whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest world without end. **R. Amen.**

*Priest & People:* O Jesus, crucified for me, / Thou givest Thyself / indeed to me / in this Eucharistic Feast. / I have received Thee today / in Holy Communion, / in commemoration of Thy death / on the Cross. / Hear me, then, / as humbly I plead: / My Crucified Savior, / teach me the lessons of the Cross. / May Thy holy Cross lead me to repentance, / humility, / sorrow for sin / and glowing love. / Draw me to Thee, / for lifted up with Thee, Thou wilt freely give me all things.

## PRAYER FOR JOY IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Priest:* O Light perpetual, transcending all created light, send forth that light from above, which will penetrate all the secret recesses of my heart. Cleanse, cheer, enlighten and enliven my spirit with its power, that with joyful ecstasy I may cleave to Thee. Enable me to render, at all times, a joyful service to the Lord. **R. Amen.**

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

**Priest & People:** ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, / defend us in battle; / be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, / and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, / by the power of God, / cast into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, / who wander about the world, / seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick, **R. Have mercy on us.**

V. Our Mother of Good Counsel, **R. Pray for us.**

V. Our Lady of Consolation, **R. Pray for us.**

V. Immaculate Heart of Mary,

**R. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.**

V. Pure Heart of St. Joseph, **R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Francis de Sales, **R. Pray for us.**

V. May the Divine assistance remain always with us.

**R. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

### HAIL GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK

1. Hail, glorious St. Patrick! dear saint of our Isle!  
To us, thy poor children, be gracious the while,  
We pray to thee high in the mansions above,  
On Erin's green valleys to look down in love.
2. Hail, glorious St. Patrick! thy words were once strong  
Against Satan's wiles and a heretic throng;  
Not less in thy might where in heaven thou art;  
Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part.

Rejoice