

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

Lenten Mission 2021

*Take Courage for I am With You:
Hope and Healing as a
Way of Moving Forward*

Presented by

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Sunday, March 14, 2021

Opening Preludes - Performed by Kathy Proulx

Welcome - Patti Reynolds

Opening Hymn - *“Healer of Our Every Ill”* by Marty Haugen

Refrain: Healer of our ev’ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1) You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
- 2) In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.
- 3) Give us strength to love each other, ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
- 4) You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Opening Prayer - Father Jim Chelich

Scripture Reading - Romans 3:3-5
Read by Deacon Dean Vernon

Psalm Response - *“The Lord is Kind and Merciful”* by Marty Haugen
Led by Kathy Proulx

Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.

1st Presentation:- Sr. Colleen Ann Nagle
Hope as a Way of Moving Forward

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Deacon Dean Vernon

O saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heav’n to us below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with thee.

Adoration (for approximately 10 minutes)
Instrumental Music - Kathy Proulx

Benediction - Deacon Dean Vernon

Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Deacon Dean Vernon: You have given them Bread from heaven.
ALL: *Having all sweetness within it.*

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints. Amen.

Reposition - Deacon Dean Vernon

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim; All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn; Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

2nd Presentation - Sr. Colleen Ann Nagle
Healing as a Way of Moving Forward

Prayer to Saint Joseph (All join in)

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Questions from the Congregation

Closing Announcements - Patti Reynolds

Closing Hymn - “*How Can I Keep from Singing*” by Robert Lowry

1) My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2) Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

3) The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart. A fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing?

References

*Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021:
“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)
Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

**Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis*