

Fourth Sunday of Lent 2024, Laetare Sunday

Preparation

*Catherine Smith was with Mary Ward at her death bed.
A courageous and faithful companion.
As I prepare, consider my call to be a courageous and faithful.*

Opening Prayer

I ask for the grace to be wholly God's

Desire

I desire to receive the light of Jesus in my life and love with, in and through him.

Prayer

I read the prayer texts to see how Jesus' mission is to give life and light to the cosmos just as at the moment of creation when God uttered life through the Word.

Jesus, the light of the world exposes truth all around him. that truth is not all beautiful; most of it is human mistake, wickedness and hatred prompted by selfishness and fear.

But exposing these failures also means shining a light on God's unending love and co-creation with us.

I ponder light in creation, giving energy, growth and direction. I ask Jesus to bring into the light what he wants me to attend to.

Colloquy of the Senses

I light a candle. Gazing at this symbol of the Spirit. I thank Jesus for the particular gifts that shine in me. As God's work of art, I ask how I might serve God more completely with such gifts.

PRAYER TEXTS



Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. 2 Chronicles 36:19.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his
only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal
life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (John 3:16)

We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. Ephesians 2:10.

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. but those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God. John 3:20-21

