

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Second Scrutiny
March 11, 2018 9am

It is helpful if in the homily the preacher can use the readings to explain the meaning of the second scrutiny in light of the Lenten liturgy and the spiritual journey of the elect. The Creed is Omitted.

After the homily, the presider (and deacon if present) come forward in front of the altar. (In the absence of a deacon, a server may hold the book.) At the same time, a minister ascends the ambo and calls forth the elect and their sponsor.

Minister: Elect of God, please come forward with your sponsors.
Valerie Worthington, Robert Bacon, Antonio Boles and Duanne Jackson

Choir sings acclamation

Presider: *addressing the assembly in these or similar words:*

People of faith gathered here, let us pray in silence that these elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

All pray silently for a few moments. He then addresses the Elect:

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray.

After a few more moments of silence, the presider says:

Let us stand and pray for these Elect whom God has called, that they may remain faithful to him and boldly give witness to the words of eternal life.

Lector/Deacon: That God may dispel darkness and be the light that shines in the hearts of our Elect, we pray to the Lord.

That God may gently lead them to Christ, the light of the world, we pray to the Lord.

That our Elect may open their hearts to God and acknowledge God as the source of light and witness of truth, we pray to the Lord.

That God may heal them and preserve them from the unbelief of this world, we pray to the Lord.

That, saved by the one who takes away the sin of the world, they may be freed from the contagion and forces of sin, we pray to the Lord.

That, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they may never fail to profess the good news of salvation and share it with others, we pray to the Lord.

That all of us, by the example of our lives, may become in Christ the light of the world, we pray to the Lord.

That every inhabitant of the earth may acknowledge the true God, the Creator of all things, who bestows upon us the gift of Spirit and life, we pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased members of our community, ??? and for our service men & women killed in action, we pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions and the intentions placed on the cross in the sanctuary (pause) and for those mentioned in our book of prayer intentions and works of mercy (pause) and for ???, for whom this mass is offered, we pray to the Lord

Presider: *(with hands joined)*

God of all mercy,
source of unfailing light,
by the death and resurrection of Christ
you have cast out the darkness of hatred and lies
and poured forth the light of truth and love
upon the human family.

Hear our prayers for these elect,
whom you have called to be your adopted children.
Enable them to pass from darkness to light
and, delivered from the prince of darkness,
to live always as children of the light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

With hands outstretched over the elect, the presider continues:

Presider: Lord Jesus, at your own baptism the heavens were opened and you received the Holy Spirit to empower you to proclaim the good news to the poor and restore sight to the blind. Pour out the same Holy Spirit on these elect, who long for your sacraments. Guide them along the paths of right faith, safe from error, doubt and unbelief, so that with eyes unsealed they may come to see you face to face, for you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dear Elect of God, even though you cannot participate fully, we invite you to stay with us as we prepare to celebrate God's presence among us in the Eucharist, as we await the day when you will join us.

Choir sings acclamation