

# Liturgy Alive of Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent

## Introduction

“Water flows from the Temple and turns the land into a fertile paradise, bringing health and life,” says Ezekiel. “But this living Temple is Christ,” says John. Encountering him means forgiveness, health, and life. These readings on the symbolism of life-giving water and on Christ have been chosen in view of baptism, the Lenten-Easter sacrament: in its waters, we encounter Christ.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,  
you have quenched our thirst for life  
with the water of baptism.  
Keep turning the desert of our arid lives  
into a paradise of joy and peace,  
that we may bear fruits  
of holiness, justice, and love.  
Lord, hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- For people who are blind to the defects of their hearts and to the needs of their neighbor, we pray:
- For people who are paralyzed by their fears and their lack of courage, we pray:
- For the physically handicapped, those who are blind, lame and paralyzed, that they may move the hearts of people and keep up their trust in God, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
your Son, Jesus, comes among us  
in these signs of bread and wine.  
May he be for us  
the source of living water  
from which we can drink  
until we are satisfied,  
that we may turn this earth  
into a hospitable place,  
which gives us a foretaste  
of your eternal paradise.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord, our God,  
we have encountered your Son  
in this Eucharistic celebration.  
May he say to us, too:  
“Pick up your sleeping mat and walk,”  
and may we indeed, walk  
at the Word of your Son  
and go to you in his way  
of goodness, justice, and peace.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

“Do you want to be made well?” Jesus asks the paralyzed man and us. Of course, we say yes. And like the paralyzed person, say yes, may we find people to help us trust in God and to let him make us better people and better Christians. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.