

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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ENTRANCE HYMN *(tune: Lord who throughout)*

1. From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.
2. You call us to be penitent
You tend us patiently,
Preserving us from perishing,
so fruitful we might be.
3. Through fasting, prayer, and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.
4. From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
In Spirit-fire fulfilled.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 R) v.8

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.(R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

10: 1-6, 10-12

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:17

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. *Praise to you, O Christ...*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were

not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

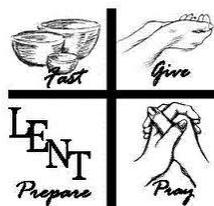
The Gospel of the Lord.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*All bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most-
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.



COMMUNION HYMN

1. Glory be to Jesus, / who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood / from his sacred veins.
2. Grace and life eternal/ in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,/ infinitely kind.
3. Blest through endless ages / be the precious stream
which from endless torment / did the world redeem.
4. Here our weary spirits /drink of life our fill;

here, as in a fountain, / souls are cleansed from ill.

5. Abel's blood for vengeance / pleaded to the skies,
but the blood of Jesus / for our pardon cries.
6. Oft as it is sprinkled / On our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion / Terror-struck departs.
7. Oft as earth exulting / lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing / make their glad reply.
8. Lift we, then, our voices, / swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder / praise the precious blood!

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1. Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.
 2. Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
 3. Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

There is a river that flows from God above;
there is a fountain that's filled with his great love.

*Come to the waters, there is a great supply;
there is a river that shall never run dry.*

2. Wash me with the water, and then I shall be clean;
white as the new snow, if you remove my sin.
3. Plunged in the water, the tomb of our rebirth,
so may we rise up to share in Christ's new life.
4. All who are thirsty, now hear God as he calls;
come to the Lord's side, His life pours out for all.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Mother of God, plead with your Son,
Pray for us sinners, Mary most pure.*

1. May God pour cleansing streams over us,
Washing our souls from every stain.
2. May He remove our stony hearts,
Give us a heart of flesh in its stead.
3. May He incline our minds to His voice,
That we may bend our hearts to His will.
4. May He renew the strength of the weak
And be the hope of wavering wills.