

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I loved that old cross where the dearest and
best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

2. O that old rugged cross, despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so
divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and
died,
to pardon and sanctify me.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far
away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-17
The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

* 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.*

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

* 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.' The word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18:8 -11.R) Jn 6:68

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold.
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter
of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1: 22-25
*Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men,
but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25.26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ...

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; (*All bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

*Our hearts we made for you, Lord,
Our hearts were made for you.
They'll never find, never find, never find rest
Until they find their rest in you.*

1. When you call me I will answer,
When you seek me you will find.
I will lead you back from exile
And reveal to you my mind.
2. I will take you from the nations
And will bring you to your land
From your idols I will cleanse you
And you'll cherish my command.
3. I will put my law within you,
I will write it on, your heart
I will be your God and Saviour,
You, my people set apart

1. Word of God, renew your people,
*make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.*
2. Word of hope and word of healing, make us...
3. Word of truth and word of justice, make us ...
4. With your cross of love upon us, make us ...
5. By your cross, restored, forgiven, make us....
6. Cross of Jesus, freely chosen, make us....
7. Cross of Jesus, all-embracing, make us..
8. To the waters, lead your people, make us...
9. Risen Saviour, with us always, make us now
10. Holy Spirit, raise your people, make us now....

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1. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
with care and woe oppressed;  
let me thy loving servant be,  
and taste thy promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
amid the battle's strife;  
in all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.
4. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
when flows the tempest high:  
when on doth rush the enemy  
O Saviour, be thou nigh.
6. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

## RECESSIONAL (tune: Come thou long expected Jesus)

1. Sing we now the glorious martyrs,  
faithful, fallen, raised on high.  
Strong they stood, in ranks of courage,  
loath to live if truth must die.
2. Grant to us, O God, their wisdom  
that could dare to choose the cross,  
Christ their one and only treasure  
all else, even life, no loss.
3. Keep alight upon our hilltops,  
lamps like these, set high apart,  
flames of faith no night can vanquish,  
beacons for the faint of heart.
4. Let them burn with such an ardour  
that the very dark must quail.  
Faced with love so all consuming  
death itself cannot prevail.