

**Worship Aid**  
***Third Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2021***

*Note re music: In the Roman Rite, during Lent the Gloria is not sung except for Solemnities and Feasts. More importantly the Alleluia is excluded completely, even for solemnities or ritual Masses in Lent. No hymns or acclamations with it. Roman tradition also tones down the use of instrumental music during Lent. For liturgies celebrated during Lent, in most circumstances instrumental music is only used to support singing.*

**ORDER OF MASS**

**GATHERING**

As circumstances suggest, the cantor may sing a suitable song before Mass as people gather.

	<b><i>Misericordes sicut Pater! (Merciful like the Father!)</i></b>	
or	<b><i>Mercy, O God</i></b>	Gather 417
or	<b><i>O God, You Search Me</i></b>	Gather 509
or	<b><i>What Is This Place</i></b>	Gather 736
or	<b><i>God Is Here! As We His People</i></b>	Gather 737
or	<b><i>Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place</i></b>	Gather 747
or	<i>silence</i>	

**THE INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE CHANT**

***Return to God*** Gather 410

*Refrain:* **Return to God with all your heart,  
the source of grace and mercy;  
come seek the tender faithfulness of God. *(x2 each time)***

1. **Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;  
come and learn now the way of our God. *(refrain)***
2. **I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,  
a heart of compassion and love. *(refrain)***
3. **If you break the chains of oppression,  
if you set the pris'ner free;  
if you share your bread with the hungry,  
give protection to the lost;  
give a shelter to the homeless,  
clothe the naked in your midst,  
then your light shall break forth like the dawn. *(refrain)***

SIGN OF THE CROSS, GREETING, INTRODUCTION

PENITENTIAL ACT: *Kyrie, eleison*

CIS #5.2, p. 74

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 20.1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19

LWC Sunday Missal p. 212

*Refrain:* **Lord, you have the words of eternal life.**

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3.16

***Glory, praise and honor...***

Gather 179

*Verse:* God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

GOSPEL: John 2.13-25

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Minister:* Lord, in your mercy: *People:* **Hear our prayer.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY CHANT

As circumstances suggest, one of the following songs may be sung by the cantor:

	<b><i>Deep Within</i></b>	Gather 419
or	<b><i>Bless the Lord</i></b>	Gather 576
or	<b><i>Eye Has Not Seen</i></b>	Gather 616
or	<b><i>From Ashes to the Living Font, verses 1, 2 &amp; 4</i></b>	Gather 402
or	<b><i>O Merciful Redeemer</i></b>	CBW 369
or	<b><i>Grant to Us, O Lord</i></b>	CBW 621A

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Roman Missal Chant Mass)

PREFACE DIALOGUE

CIS #5.5

SANCTUS

CIS #5.6

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CIS #5.7

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*People:* **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN

CIS #5.8

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

CIS #5.10

COMMUNION CHANT

As circumstances suggest, one of the following songs is sung:

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Gather 822

*Refrain:* **And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927  
Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain, Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927  
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*Now in This Banquet*

Gather 825  
*Lent refrain*

*Refrain:* **Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;  
Live in our flesh and our bone;  
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry and grace,  
one in your loving embrace.**

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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*Praise to you, O Christ, Our Savior*

Gather 517

*Refrain:* **Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
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## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Livestream Mass*

After the Priest and the assembly, i.e. those physically present in the church, have received Holy Communion, a designated minister invites those watching at home to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

**Brothers and sisters, we now invite those following this Mass from home to join in praying an Act of Spiritual Communion:**

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself to you completely.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.**



*– attributed to Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

#### GREETING

#### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

#### RECESSIONAL

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Gather 416

- 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us to overcome our sins, and close by you to stay.**
- 2. As you with Satan did contend, and did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.**
- 3. As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and so to live by your most holy word.**
- 4. And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide,  
For evermore, in life and death, O Lord! with us abide.**
- 5. Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,  
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!**

Text: Claudia F. Herрман, 1838-1898, alt.  
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John's Day Psalter, 1562.