



CHRIST

in your home

Third Sunday in Lent

[Stand]

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Leader: Let us call to mind our sins.

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting prayer, and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Only Reader Stands]

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. For the Lord will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

[Ex 20:1-17]

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. **Response**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eye. **Response**

The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinance of the Lord are true,
all of them just. **Response**

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup,
or honey from the comb. **Response**

Reader: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

[1 Cor 1:22-25]

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

[All Stand for Gospel]

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Since the Passover of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,

as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords

and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen,

and spilled the coins of the money changers

and overturned their tables,

and to those who sold doves he said,

“Take these out of here,

and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,

Zeal for your house will consume me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him,

“What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered and said to them,

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews said,

“This temple has been under construction for forty-six years,

and you will raise it up in three days?”

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead,

his disciples remembered that he had said this,

and they came to believe the Scripture

and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,

many began to believe in his name

when they saw the signs he was doing.

But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all,

and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.

He himself understood it well.

[Jn 2:13-25]

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection/Discussion

Creed

All: 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,

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.

Universal Prayer

Leader: Knowing God's love and compassion, let us confidently place our needs before him.

Leader: Let us pray.
For leaders of the Church, may their interreligious dialogue and civil discourse lead to understanding and peace among all peoples... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For governments and corporations, may they commit themselves to justice for the poor and fair treatment for the vulnerable... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For victims of war, especially in religious conflicts, may they enjoy prompt and lasting peace... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all gathered here, may we grow in fidelity to God's love and mercy... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Faithful God, hear our prayers that we might keep your ways and be strengthened against every evil. We ask this by the power of your Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us gather all of our intentions into the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Leader: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

All make the sign on the cross, while saying:

Leader: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen