

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

Ex 20:1-17

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Response

2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Response

3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me;

Response

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:22-25

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.

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

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.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
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.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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Music

ENTRANCE SONG

Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

OFFERTORY SONG

Give Me Jesus

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world.
Give me Jesus.

2. Now the journey has begun,
now the journey has begun,
now the journey has begun,
give me Jesus.
3. When the prize is surely won,
when the prize is surely won,
when the prize is surely won,
give me Jesus.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Attende Domine/Have Mercy on Us, Lord

Refrain: Have mercy on us, Lord, Jesus our Savior:
Burdened with sin, we implore you!

1. O great Redeemer, King of all creation,
As we are sinners, we deserve your judgement:
Jesus, be gracious; hear our prayer of sorrow.
2. Exalted Savior, Cornerstone of heaven,
Gate of salvation, Way to life immortal:
Send forth your Spirit; heal your humbled people!
3. We beg you, Jesus, God immense in power:
Listen in kindness as we ask forgiveness:
Though sin condemns us, you are strong to save us!
4. We stand convicted, owning our offenses;
Guilty before you, yet we seek your pardon:
O gentle Savior, great is your compassion!
5. Remember, Jesus, you gave all to save us;
Dying for sinners, you endured the Passion:
Savior, immortal, grant your gift of freedom!

Create in Me

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
a clean heart, O God, create in me.

1. O God, in your goodness have mercy on me.
In your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sins.
2. For I acknowledge my offense
and my sin is always before me;
against only you have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your eyes.

CLOSING SONG

Companions on the Journey

Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.

1. No longer strangers to each other;
no longer strangers in God's house;
we are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care.
2. We have been gifted with each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God.