

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of
Lent (B)



FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1–3, 7–8,
12–17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD gave Moses these commandments:

I am the LORD your God.

I brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

Do not worship any god except me.

Do not misuse my name.

I am the LORD your God,

and I will punish anyone who misuses my name.

Remember that the Sabbath Day belongs to me.

Respect your father and your mother,

and you will live a long time in the land that I am giving you.

Do not murder.

Be faithful in marriage.

Do not steal.

Do not tell lies about others.

Do not want what belongs to someone else.

Do not want anyone's house or wife or slaves

or cattle or donkeys or anything else.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:7, 8, 9cd–10ab

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

*The Law of the LORD is perfect;
it gives us new life.
His teachings last forever,
and they give wisdom
to ordinary people.*

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

*The LORD's instruction is right;
it makes our hearts glad.
His commands shine brightly,
and they give us light.*

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

*All of his decisions
are correct and fair.
They are worth more
than the finest gold.*

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

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GOSPEL
John 2:13–22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover,
Jesus went to Jerusalem.
There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple.
He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables.
So he took some rope and made a whip.
Then he chased everyone out of the temple,
together with their sheep and cattle.
He turned over the tables of the moneychangers
and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves,
“Get those doves out of here!
Don’t make my Father’s house a marketplace.”

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say,
“My love for your house burns in me like a fire.”

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus,
“What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?”

“Destroy this temple,” Jesus answered,
“and in three days I will build it again!”

The leaders replied, “It took forty-six years to build this temple.
What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?”

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple.
And when he was raised from death,
his disciples remembered what he had told them.
Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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