

Third Sunday after Trinity

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **341**

Hymns Old & New

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny
of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into
our hearts whereby we call you Father: give
us grace to dedicate our freedom to your ser-
vice, that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B, Proper 6

FIRST READING

Eze 17.22–24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a
sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will
set it out. I will break off from the topmost of
its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will
plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the
mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that
it may bear branches and produce fruit and
become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell
every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches
birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees
of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I
bring low the high tree, and make high the
low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the
dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken,
and I will do it."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

℟. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

(All repeat)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. ℟.

The just will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God. ℟.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just:
my rock, in whom there is no wrong. ℟.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5.6–10,14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no-one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15.15

Alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends:
for all that I have heard from my Father I have
made known to you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mk 4.26–34

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:

“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow)* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(all rise)* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∇. Lord, hear us. ℞. Lord, graciously hear us.
or ∇. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∇. Rest eternal ☩ grant unto them, O Lord;
℞. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **370**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

O God, in your mercy you give us the sacraments to help us: grant that we may offer this sacrifice in a manner worthy of your gifts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. Amen.

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN

- Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember
Christ our blessed Lord.**
- Share the food of heaven
earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence:
Christ our gracious Lord.**
- Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored;
meet a friend for ever:
Christ our dearest Lord.**
- God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word:
here, for those who seek him,
Christ our God and Lord.**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**356**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

∨. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℞. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∨. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℞. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. And the Word was made flesh:

℞. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℞. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**