

Third Sunday before Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **813** *Celebration Hymnal*

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, who alone can bring order to
the unruly wills and passions of sinful human-
ity: give your people grace so to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where
true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year C, Proper 2

FIRST READING

Jer 17.5–10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who
trusts in man and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is
like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see
any good come. He shall dwell in the parched
places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited
salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the
Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a
tree planted by water, that sends out its roots
by the stream, and does not fear when heat
comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not
anxious in the year of drought, for it does
not cease to bear fruit.” The heart is deceitful
above all things, and desperately sick; who
can understand it?

“I the Lord search the heart and test the
mind, to give every man according to his
ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 1

℟. Happy the man who has placed his trust
in the Lord. (*All repeat*)

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingers in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the scornful. ℟.

His delight is in the law of the Lord,
and he meditates on his law day and night.
He is like a tree planted beside flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season. ℟.

It is not so with the wicked:
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
For the Lord guards the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15.12–20

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

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from
the dead, how can some of you say that there
is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is
no resurrection of the dead, then not even
Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not
been raised, then our preaching is in vain and
your faith is in vain. We are even found to be
misrepresenting God, because we testified
about God that he raised Christ, whom he
did not raise if it is true that the dead are not
raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even
Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not
been raised, your faith is futile and you are still
in your sins. Then those also who have fallen
asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we
have hope in this life only, we are of all people
most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the
dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN— **75**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11.25

Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth:

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 6.17–26

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood
on a level place, with a great crowd of his dis-
ciples and a great multitude of people from all
Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre
and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be
healed of their diseases. And those who were
troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And
all the crowd sought to touch him, for power
came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples,
and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for
yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you
who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall
laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you
and when they exclude you and revile you and
spurn your name as evil, on account of the
Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for
joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven;
for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have
received your consolation. Woe to you who
are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe
to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn
and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak
well of you, for so their fathers did to the false
prophets.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 may 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— **379**

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.

We celebrate these holy mysteries, Lord, in fulfilment of the service that we owe, and ask that the offering we make in honour of your glory may avail for our salvation; 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— **88**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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— **301**

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.**

16.2.25