

Third Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **352**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive ✠ you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON *is sung.*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

Christe, eleïson. (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

FIRST READING

Isa 55.1–9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

R. O God, you are my God, for you my soul
is athirst. (*All repeat*)

O God, my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is athirst.
All my being pines for you
as thirsty land for rain. R.

In the sanctuary I come to you
to behold your glory and might.
To know your love is better than life itself;
therefore my lips shall praise your name. R.

So will I bless you all my days,
and lift my hands in prayer.
My soul shall feast upon your love;
my heart exults in you, my God. R.

For you, O God, have been my help;
beneath your wings I dwell secure.
My soul shall ever cling to you,
and your right hand shall hold me fast. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10.1–13

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

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers
were all under the cloud, and all passed
through the sea, and all were baptized into
Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all
ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the
same spiritual drink. For they drank from the
spiritual Rock that followed them, and the
Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most
of them God was not pleased, for they were
overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples
for us, that we might not desire evil as they
did. Do not be idolaters as some of them
were; as it is written, “The people sat down to
eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must
not indulge in sexual immorality as some of
them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in
a single day. We must not put Christ to the
test, as some of them did and were destroyed
by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them
did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

Now these things happened to them as an
example, but they were written down for our
instruction, on whom the end of the ages has
come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that
he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation
has overtaken you that is not common to
man. God is faithful, and he will not let you
be tempted beyond your ability, but with the
temptation he will also provide the way of
escape, that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—**303**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4.17

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Repent, says the Lord:

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Lk 13.1–9

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

There were some present who told Jesus about
the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled
with their sacrifices. And he answered them,
“Do you think that these Galileans were worse
sinners than all the other Galileans, because
they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but
unless you repent, you will all likewise per-
ish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in
Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that
they were worse offenders than all the others
who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but un-
less you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

And he told this parable: “A man had a
fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came
seeking fruit on it and found none. And he
said to the vine dresser, ‘Look, for three years
now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree,
and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it

use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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 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.

Through this sacrifice of reconciliation mercifully grant, Lord, that we who seek pardon for our own sins may also learn to forgive one another; 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:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are * the Saviour of the world. (* repeat)

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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—**25**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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—**361**

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.**