

**March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Opening Song: Come to the Water (Foley) ... BB619**

1. O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?

2. And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?

**Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)**

**First Reading**

A reading from the Book of Exodus  
In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?"  
So Moses cried out to the Most High God, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!"  
God answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."  
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.  
The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested Most High God, saying, "Is our God in our midst or not?"

**The Word of our God.**

## **Responsorial : My Soul is Thirsting (Angrisano) ... BB786 & H/O**

My Soul is Thirsting for You

Refrain

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,  
thirsting for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,  
thirsting for you, my God,  
thirsting for you, my God.

Verse 1.

O God, you are my God,  
and I will always praise you.  
In the shadow of your wings  
I cling to you and you hold me high.

Refrain

Verse 2.

Through the day you walk with me;  
all the night your love  
surrounds me.  
To the glory of your name  
I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

Refrain

Verse 3.

I will never be afraid,  
for I will not be abandoned.  
Even when the road grows long  
and weary  
your love will rescue me.

Refrain

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have gained access by faith

to this grace in which we stand,  
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.  
And hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves great love for us  
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

### **The Word of our God.**

#### ***Gospel Acclamation***

#### **Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB900 & H/O**

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)  
*"Lord, you are truly the Savior, the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may not thirst again."*  
Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)

#### ***Gospel***

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Narrator:** Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** "Give me a drink."

**Narrator:** His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,

Samaritan Woman: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

**Narrator:** —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her,

Jesus: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

**Samaritan Woman:** "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children

and his flocks?

**Jesus:** "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**Samaritan Woman:** "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

**Jesus:** "Go call your husband and come back."

**Samaritan Woman:** "I do not have a husband."

**Jesus:** "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

**Samaritan Woman:** "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

**Jesus:** "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship God in Spirit and truth; and indeed God seeks such people to worship. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in Spirit and truth."

**Samaritan Woman:** "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

**Jesus:** "I am he, the one speaking with you."

**Narrator:** At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people,

**Samaritan Woman:** "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

**Narrator:** They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him,

**Disciple :** "Rabbi, eat."

**Jesus:** "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

**Narrator:** So the disciples said to one another,

## **The Good News of Salvation.**

### *Homily*

### **Universal Intercessions**

Response: God of those who are marginalized, hear our prayer.  
(God of those who are marginalized, hear our prayer.)

For the Church, that we may be a source of living water for all who thirst for meaning and purpose in their lives, let us pray...

For all who face prejudice and discrimination: that God will heal their wounds and help them to continue to share their gifts for the good of society, let us pray...

For greater recognition of the ministry of women: that we may be open to and encouraging of the ministerial gifts of women who bring the Good News to our communities and to those who never come to Church, let us pray...

For all who lack clean drinkable water: that God will raise our awareness of the importance of clean water and strengthen all who are working to provide it for the good of all humanity, let us pray...

For the victims of earthquakes, flood, fire and war, that we may be Jesus' Body in comforting and supporting them, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

(after the intentions and Fr. Jack's prayer, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### *Preparation of Gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, 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 holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

***Preparation of Gifts: O God, You Search Me (Farrell) ... BB441***

O', God, you search me, and you know me  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me  
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising  
You discern my purpose from afar  
And with love everlasting, you besiege me  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord  
You have known its meaning through and through  
You are with me beyond my understanding  
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me  
Still I search for shelter from your light  
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me  
Gave me life within my mother's womb  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

***Service Music:***

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB917**

**Mem: Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman)**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB921**

**Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo)**

***Communion I: In this Place (Thomson) ... BB307***

**Vs. 1** In This Place

We are all hungry people,  
We need shelter and strength.  
We are one in our hurting,

We are one in our pain.  
In our suffering and sadness,  
We are saved by the grace  
Of the power and the Spirit  
That is here in this place.

**Refrain:** We are gathered at table  
As one in the Lord.  
We are gathered as people  
Who are living the Word.  
Our hearts and our spirits  
Are nurtured by grace.  
It is Jesus who fills us.  
He is here in this place.

**Vs. 2** All our lives are a mystery  
We seek not where they lead.  
We are asked now to trust you  
And we know we must believe.  
As our feet become Christ's feet,  
We go forth with the grace  
Of the power and the Spirit  
That is here in this place.

**Vs. 3** Though the world may tell us  
To look at ourselves,  
We reach out to another  
Where suffering dwells.  
As our hands become Christ's hands,  
We are healed by the grace  
Of the power and the Spirit  
That is here in this place.

**Vs. 4** In the bread that is broken  
Is the Christ that restores.  
As we take, now receive him,  
We find love evermore.  
As the bread becomes Body,  
We are filled with the grace  
Of the power and the Spirit  
That is here in this place.

***Communion 2: Purify My Heart (Kauffman) ... H/O***

Refrain:

Put a new, right spirit here within me, purify my heart, purify my heart.

Restore the joy of your salvation, purify my heart, purify my heart.

Wash me Lord and I will be clean.

V1 Have mercy on me Lord, according to your love, take every sin and fault away from me.  
Longing to be whole again, sanctify my soul again, and I , I will be free.

V2 Against you have I done what is evil in your sight, you would be so right to cast me out.  
But let these wretched bones walk in steps of only hope, return me to you now.

V3 I will teach your ways of deliverance, to hearts yearning for true love.  
My voice will ever praise your presence, present to me now.

**Prayer after Communion**

**Announcements**

Go in peace,  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Sending: In These Days of Lenten Journey (Manalo) (V3) ... BB129***

**In these days of Lenten journey**

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey  
we have seen and we have heard  
the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

3. We open our ears to the weary  
and hear the cry of the poor.  
To the voices that echo the song of despair,  
we will show our compassion and care.