

The Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022

Entrance Hymn: Sing of the Lord's Goodness (BB 562)

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to God and bless God's name.
Mercy God has shown us, God's love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain

Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise God with you music, worship God and bless God's name.

Power God has wielded, honor is God's garment, risen from the snares of death.
God's word God has spoken, one bread God has broken, new life God now gives to all. **Refrain**

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God. **Refrain**

Praise God with your singing, praise God with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp.
Praise God with the cymbals, praise God with your dancing, praise God till the end of days. **Refrain**

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

Kyrie

You raise the dead to life in the spirit, Kyrie Eleison
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner, Christe Eleison
You bring light to those in darkness, Kyrie Eleison.

Collect

Let us pray:

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

A reading from the first Book of Exodus

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Most High God appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When God saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

He answered, "Here I am."

God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

But God said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is this God's name?' what am I to tell them?"

God replied, "I am who am." Then God added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The Mighty One, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

The Word of our God

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

The Lord is kind and merciful. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings. **Refrain**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of kindness.
God is good to all creation, full of compassion. **Refrain**

The goodness of God is from age to age, blessing those who choose to love.
And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant. **Refrain**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

All ate the same spiritual food,
and all drank the same spiritual drink,
for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them,
and the rock was the Christ.

Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did.
Do not grumble, as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer.

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

Therefore, whoever thinks they are standing secure should take care not to fall.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

Let your heart be open, and transformed
by the mercy and forgiveness of God.
We are called; we are called.
Now is the acceptable time.

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

***Gospel* Luke 13:1-9**

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in the orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’

The gardener said to him in reply: ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.’”

The Good News of salvation.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *(take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)*

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

(God of Mercy, hear our prayer.)

For a spirit of conversion in the Church: that we may honestly evaluate our lives, desire reform and seek reconciliation during this Lenten season, let us pray...

For the gift of awe: that we may reverence the holy ground on which we stand, this good earth, our bonds of friendship, and our community of faith, let us pray...

For Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, that they be comforted in their grief and mourning and protected wherever they may flee, that those who aid them and those who receive them with

open arms be granted grace and peace, and that the hearts of those invading will be softened so the war can end, let us pray...

For all who are experiencing affliction whether physical, emotional, or spiritual: that God will show forth saving love and lead them to freedom, let us pray...

For all who are struggling with addictions: that they may know God's presence with them and the healing power of God's love and mercy, let us pray...

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

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Restless is the Heart (BB 502)

Refrain

Restless is the heart until it comes to rest in you.

All the earth, all the earth shall remember and return to our God.

Offertory Prayers

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.

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbor. 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 Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

Service Music: Mass of Christ the Savior (BB 917)

Spiritual Communion

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

Our Father

Leader: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Family: 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.

Leader: Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

Family: Amen.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to **kneel** if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

Leader: Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

All: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

Leader: Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

All: O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

Leader: With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song: Remember Your Love (BB 659)

Refrain

Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears. **Refrain**

If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?
But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand. **Refrain**

O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.
My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek. **Refrain**

As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word. **Refrain**

Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,
Even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout every age. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song: Tend the Ground (BB 626)

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground; sowing hope and peace where none is found
In selfless love, God's life abounds, we till the earth, we tend the ground.

As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive.
these gifts of love, and let us turn to bless the world, to bless the world **Refrain**

All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises sing, rise up and sing, rise up and sing. **Refrain**

With open hand our Lord has given his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love. **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen

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

Song of Sending: Lord of All Hopefulness (BB 407)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy.
BE there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, and the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there in our labor, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace.
Your hands sift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm.
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.