

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Gathering: Healing River of the Spirit (trad.) ... BB661**

Healing river of the Spirit,  
Bathe the wounds that living brings.  
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness  
Deep beneath your sacred springs.  
Weary from the restless searching  
That has lured us from your side,  
We discover in your Presence  
Peace the world cannot provide.

[Verse 2]

Wellspring of the healing Spirit,  
Stream that flows to bring release,  
As we gain our selves our senses,  
May our lives reflect your peace.  
Grateful for the flood that heals us,  
May your church enact your grace.  
As we meet both friend and stranger,  
May we see our Savior's face.

[Verse 3]

Living stream that heals the nations,  
Make us channels of your pow'r.  
All the world is torn by conflict;  
Wars are raging at this hour.  
Saving Spirit, move among us,  
Guide our winding human course,  
Till we find our way together,  
Flowing homeward to our Source.

**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 God.**

### **Responsorial: If Today (You Hear God's Voice) (Hurd)**

Refrain: The Lord is my light; the Lord is my shield.  
Praise you Lord and the love you reveal.  
Safe journey, shelter and home,  
Safe in the Lord alone.

(V1) Hear O Lord, my cry to you.  
Turn not away, for you are my life.  
Turn not Your face from me.

(V2) Seek your face, you said O Lord.  
My heart says to You: Your face, Lord I seek.  
Hide not your face from me.

(Antiphon) Wait for the Lord,  
And let your heart be strong.  
Wait for the Lord!

(V3) Just one thing I ask You, Lord.  
To dwell in Your house, the days of my life.  
Watching Your beauty, Lord.

## **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 God**

### **Lenten Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **A reading from the Gospel according to John**

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,

"Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,

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

—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her,

"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."

The woman said to him,

"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 answered and said to her,

"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 in him  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him,

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

Jesus said to her,

"Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him,

"I do not have a husband."

Jesus answered her,

"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."

The woman said to him,

"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 said to her,  
"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
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 the Father in Spirit and truth;  
and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.  
God is Spirit, and those who worship him  
must worship in Spirit and truth."  
The woman said to him,  
"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ;  
when he comes, he will tell us everything."  
Jesus said to her,  
"I am he, the one speaking with you."

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,  
"Come see a man who told me everything I have done.  
Could he possibly be the Christ?"  
They went out of the town and came to him.  
Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."  
But he said to them,  
"I have food to eat of which you do not know."  
So the disciples said to one another,  
"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"  
Jesus said to them,  
"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me  
and to finish his work.  
Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?

I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.  
The reaper is already receiving payment  
and gathering crops for eternal life,  
so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.  
For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'  
I sent you to reap what you have not worked for;  
others have done the work,  
and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him  
because of the word of the woman who testified,  
"He told me everything I have done."  
When the Samaritans came to him,  
they invited him to stay with them;  
and he stayed there two days.  
Many more began to believe in him because of his word,  
and they said to the woman,  
"We no longer believe because of your word;  
for we have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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

#### **Homily**

#### **Scrutinies 1 (Newly Elected): O God, Hear Us (Hurd) ... H/O**

O God hear us, hear our prayer.  
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(V1) You who chose the lowly, to confound the proud of heart,  
Give us the heart of Mary. Hear us, O God.

(V2) May we be your justice, may we be your kindness and truth.  
May we be your mercy. Hear us O God.

(V3) Only earthen vessels, are we who gather today.  
Make us vessels of glory. Hear us, O God.

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God of the marginalized, hear our prayer.**

(God of the 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 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, let us pray...

That, as our elect await the gift of God, they may long with all their hearts for the living water that springs up to eternal life, let us pray...

That by accepting the Son of God as their teacher, our elect may become true worshipers of God in spirit and in truth, let us pray...

That the Holy Spirit, who searches every heart, may strengthen our elect in their weakness, let us pray...

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

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of Gifts**

**Offertory: O God, You Search Me (Farrell) ... BB566**

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

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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.)*

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB900**

**Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB904**

**Lamb: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB905**

**Communion 1: Return to God (Haugen) ... G283**

Ref: Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God

Vs. 1) Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;  
Come and learn now the way of our God. (Refrain)

Vs. 2) I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,



A heart of compassion and love. (Refrain)

Vs. 3) If you break the chains of oppression,  
If you set the pris'ner free;  
If you share your bread with the hungry,  
Give protection to the lost;  
Give shelter to the homeless,  
Clothe the naked in your midst,  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn. (Refrain)

5. Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,  
Even then, O Lord, You were our refuge throughout ev'ry age.

### **Communion2: 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 tongue will ever praise your presence,  
present to me now.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

**Sending: In These Days of Lenten Journey (V1,V4) (Manalo) ... BB135**

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.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,  
to those who live without warmth.  
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;  
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

2. We open our eyes to the hungry,  
and see the faces of Christ.  
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,  
may their faith in our God be renewed.

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.

4. We call on the Spirit of Justice  
and pray for the righteousness' sake.  
We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed;  
we will loosen the bonds of distress.