

Third Sunday of Lent



*“Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy ground.”*

(Cycle C)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

On Holy Ground

This is ho - ly ground. In this ho - ly

place where God's love is found, we

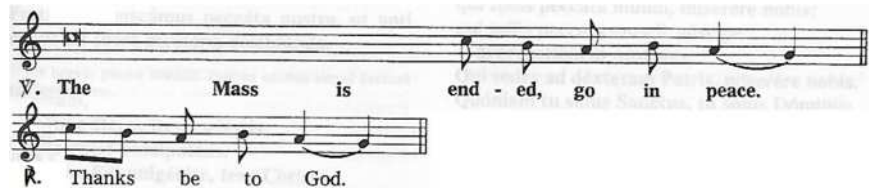
come to seek his face. For

all who gath-er, bless-ings rich a -

bound, where the an - gels

fol - low, here on ho - ly ground.


Dismissal



Y. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Attende Domine



Refrain
At-tén-de Dó-mi-ne, et mi-se-ré-re, Qui-a pec-cá-vi-mus ti - bi.

Verses

1. God, our great Cre - a - tor, depth of love and wis - dom,
2. Je - sus, gen - tle Shep - herd, broth - er and Re - deem - er,
3. God, the Ho - ly Spir - it, hov - ring o - ver cha - os,
4. Hear us as we call you, Ab - ba, Word and Spir - it,

1. fath - om - less God-head, source of all our long - ing:
2. you knew our weak-ness, sanc - ti - fied our bod - y:
3. cool and re - fresh - ing com - fort in our pov - er - ty:
4. God of com - mu - nion, cour - age and com - pas - sion.

to Refrain

1. hold us your chil - dren in your ten - der mer - cy.
2. guide us and feed us at your rich - est ta - ble.
3. let liv - ing wa - ter flow from deep with - in us.
4. We sing your prais - es, trust - ing in your mer - cy.

Greeting

Y. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Y. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

R. And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE (A VI)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

Y To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters
that I have sinned
in my thoughts and in my words
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Y May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

(Kyrie Pro Defunctis)

6. **K** Y-ri-e * e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Chri-ste
e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-
ri-e * e-lé-i-son.

Gloria

The Gloria is not said

Opening Prayer

Ÿ. Let us pray
to the Father and ask him
to form a new heart within us.

Pause for silent prayer.

God of all compassion, Father of all goodness,
to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us
you bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with
our brothers and sisters.

We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us:
when our weakness causes discouragement,
let your compassion fill us with hope
and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R̄. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Ÿ. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord,
in sharing this sacrament
may we receive your forgiveness
and be brought together in unity and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R̄. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (5)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R̄. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Father of mercies has given us an example of unselfish love
in the sufferings of his only Son.
Through your service of God and neighbor
may you receive his countless blessings.

R̄. Amen.

You believe that by his dying
Christ has destroyed death for ever.
May he give you everlasting life.

R̄. Amen.

He humbled himself for our sakes.
May you follow his example
and share in his resurrection.

R̄. Amen.

Ÿ. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R̄. Amen.

Communion Meditation

You Will Know

Verse 1



1. Take off your shoes; this is ho - ly ground you walk on.



O - pen your eyes; this is ho - ly fire you see.



Show me your face, a re - flec - tion of my glo - ry,



and you will know who I am.



2. Take off in flight; this is ho - ly ground that lifts you.
3. Take in the sight; you're on my ho - ly moun - tain.
4. Take up his cross; this is ho - ly wood you car - ry.



O - pen your arms; this is ho - ly wind you feel.
O - pen your ears; these are ho - ly words you hear.
O - pen your hands; this is ho - ly work you do.



Show me your tears, flow - ing down your face in riv - ers, and you will
Be - hold Christ's face, a re - flec - tion of my glo - ry, and you will
Share in his love, poured out for you for - ev - er, and you will



know who I am. You will know that I have healed you. You will
know who I am. You will know that I have loved him. You will
know who I am. You will know that he has loved you. You will



know who I am: I am your God.
know who I am: I am your God.
know who I am: I am your

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15)

A reading from the 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 LORD 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 the LORD 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 fathers," 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 the LORD 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 fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God replied, "I am who am."

Then he 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 LORD, the God of your fathers,
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.”

☩. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.)



The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

℟. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

℟. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

℟. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Exchange of Peace

☩. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

☩. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

A -gnus De- i, *qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :
mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-
di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

☩. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

☩. The body of Christ.

℟. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

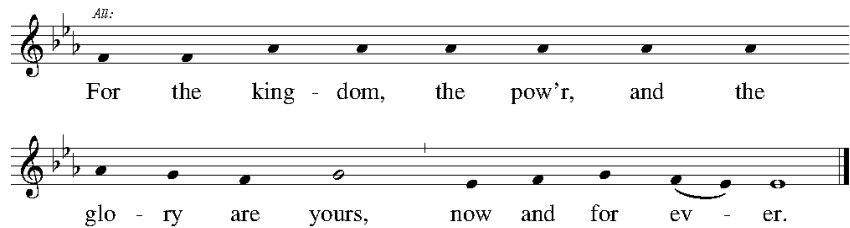
The Lord's Prayer

☩. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

☩. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



All:
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

☩. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

℟. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading 2 (*1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12*)

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

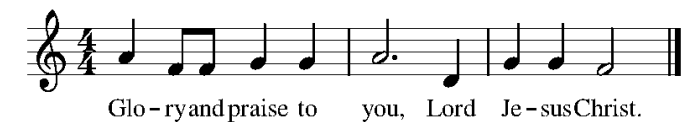
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
that our ancestors were all under the cloud
and all passed through the sea,
and all of them were baptized into Moses
in the cloud and in the sea.
All ate the same spiritual food,
and all drank the same spiritual drink,
for they drank from a spiritual 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 he is standing secure
should take care not to fall.

☩. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Mt 4:4b*)



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.



Gospel (*Lk 13:1-9*)

∇. The Lord be with you.

℞. And also with you.

∇. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The celebrant and the people trace the cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

℞. Glory to you 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 his 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.

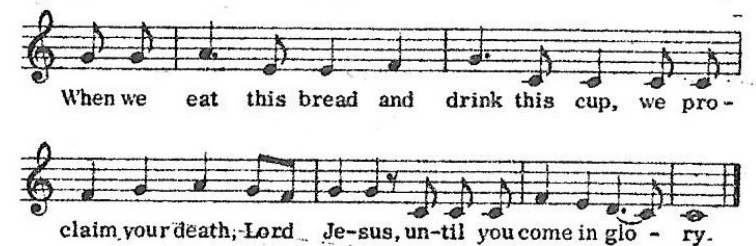
(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)



Eucharistic Prayer (III)

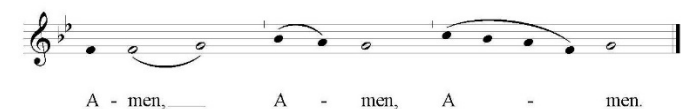
The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

∇. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

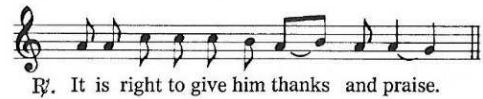
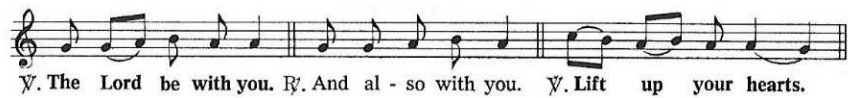


The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through him, with him and in him
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father
Forever and ever.



Preface and *Sanctus* (Lent III)



Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You ask us to express our thanks by self-denial.
We are to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride.
We are to show to those in need your goodness to ourselves.

Now, with all the saints and angels,
we praise you for ever:

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He 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.’”

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Homily

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, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

If an Offertory Hymn is played or sung, omit the following.

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

☩. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

☩. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. 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.**

Lord,
by the grace of this sacrifice
may we who ask forgiveness
be ready to forgive one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.