

Sunday Mass of Lent

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Jesus, Who Throughout These 40 Days

1. Jesus, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to love each other, and close by you to stay.
2. As you with temptation did contend, and did the victory win,
O, give us strength in you to live and turn away from sin.
3. As you did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious God,
To die to self and always live by your most holy Word.

Greeting

Presider: We enter into Liturgy; In the name of God the + Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: Brothers and sisters in Christ, Lent has begun. This Lent is a bit different because of the current events. We gave up things like soda or chocolate in the past. This year let us challenge ourselves to use the precept of Jesus to not be judgemental. This is something we must do within ourselves first.

Today we hear the familiar stories of Adam and Eve in the Garden and the introduction of that which came between God and us in the world; and the story of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Let us ask for the gift of an honest and holy Lenten season so we may grow spiritually.

Opening Prayer

Deacon: May the grace of Jesus the Risen Christ, the love of God and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

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Presider: Let us pray. God creator of the wilderness, we devote these forty days to getting closer to you. Shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ Jesus, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the powers of death with the promise of eternal life.

All: Amen

PENETENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

All: Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us in the same mind as Jesus, the Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you taught that actions have reactions: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you us how to be faithful to God: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you remind us to not by bread alone: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: May our Merciful God absolve you and me, a sinner, and with the authority vested in me through Jesus the Christ, I absolve you from all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray that we may live as we believe.

Creator God, grant us through the yearly observance of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects; through Jesus the Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7 - 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth and blew into its nostrils the breath of life, and so the earth creature became a living being. God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east, and placed in it the earth creature which God had formed. Then God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any of the animals of the field that Our God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'Do not eat it or touch it, or you will' die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "No! You will not die! God knows well that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to the man, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together to make loincloths for themselves.

The Word of God. / R. Thanks be to God.

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Responsorial Psalm

PS. 31:2-4, 17, 25

R: Be merciful, O God, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R: Be merciful, O God, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

R: Be merciful, O God, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R: Be merciful, O God for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O God, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R: Be merciful, O God, for we have sinned.

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Second Reading:

Romans 5: 12-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Sin entered the world through one person, and through sin, death; and thus death has spread through the whole human race, because all have sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "lawbreaking," yet death reigned over all from our first parents to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of our first parents, was not a matter of breaking a law.

But the gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of one all died, much more did the grace of God, and the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, abound for all. The gift is entirely different from the sin committed by the first human. In the first case, the sentence followed upon one offense and brought condemnation, but in the second, the gift came after many offenses and brought acquittal.

If death began its reign through one person because of an offense, so much more will those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the One, Jesus Christ.

To sum up, then: just as a single offense brought condemnation to all, a single righteous act brought all acquittal and life. Just as through one person's disobedience all became sinners, so through one person's obedience all will become just.

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

PRAISE TO YOU, JESUS CHRIST, WHO REIGNS IN ENDLESS GLORY

We do not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

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Deacon: God be with you

All: And also with you

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O God

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the Devil. Fasting forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. The tempter approached and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn into bread." Jesus replied, "Scripture has it,

**'Not on bread alone is one to live but
on every utterance that comes from the mouth of God.' "**

Next the Devil took Jesus to the Holy City, set him on the parapet of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it,

**'God will bid the angels to take care of you; with their hands
they will support you that you may never stumble on a stone.' "**

Jesus answered, "Scripture also has it, 'You will not put God to the test.' "

The Devil then took Jesus up a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, promising, "All these will I bestow on you if you prostrate yourself in homage to me." At this, Jesus said to the Devil, "Away with you, Satan! Scripture has it,

You will do homage to God; God alone will you adore.' "

At that the Devil left, and angels came and waited on Jesus.

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily

Deacon/ Speaker/Presider:...

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The Profession of Faith

All: We believe in God who made us all, and whose Divine Presence and infinite love infuses all of life and creation with the sacred.

We believe that Jesus is the face of God on earth in whom we best see the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion to which we are all called. He celebrated with outcasts and sinners and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance.

We believe that Jesus suffered so that we might realize that the spirit in us can never be killed, whatever price we have to pay for staying true to the mind of God. That Jesus died and was raised on the third day. He changed all of life for all of us thereafter. He ascended into the life of God, the life beyond life, and waits there for us. He lived in those he left behind and lives in each of us as well.

We believe in the Christ who is One with the Creator and who shows us the presence of God in everything that is and calls out the sacred in ourselves. The Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the infinite dimensions of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who gives light to hearts now blind and infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. That this Spirit is ever present and urges us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

We believe in the Church as a community of the sons and daughters of God, the mystical body of Christ.

We believe that we will live forever in the embrace of God and trust that creation goes on creating in this world and in us forever. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: Let us now open our hearts and pray with faith that as co-creators we have the power to change things.

Leader: Our response is...O God, hear our Prayer.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: Let us pray for the church: that we may live as followers of Christ;
remembering your mercy, as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all those who struggle to live a life of love and compassion
... remembering your mercy, as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for families, teachers, counselors, pastors, mentors and all who
teach peace and harmony ... remembering your mercy, as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the courage to acknowledge our own need for repentance
... remembering your mercy, as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who do not recognize the consequences of their
actions ... remembering your mercy, as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For all who suffer because of illness, injury, or age and for those who care
for them including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)
and for all those recently deceased to rest in the everlasting domain of Christ
including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause) As a hopeful people:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, close to home and around the world, including any you
wish to mention at this time. (Pause)

As a hopeful people.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the growth of St Marguerite Faith Community, that we will be prayerful
in witnessing to others Jesus' Gospel message of love and inclusion. As a hopeful
people.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: For the ministers of our Jurisdictions and our communities: that they may truly be light for others and led by your truth. As a hopeful people.

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause) As a hopeful people:

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Presider: Loving God, we thank you for making us co-creators that give us the power to help those in need through our prayers.

All: Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Deacon: If you are offering your gift, and remember your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there and go; first to be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Presider: The peace of God be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another with a sign of His peace.

Offertory: On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of our God, Who abide in God's shadow for life,
Say to our God, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.

Refrain: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to God's angels, he's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer; which earth has given and human hands have made, let it become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Deacon: By the mystery of this wine and water, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human labor. May it become the cup of Love.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside and now reunited on this table in bread and wine, O God, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Presider: Merciful God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

Washing of the Hands

Presider: Creator God, cleanse my heart, and open it to whatever You wish for me.

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that these gifts may be acceptable to God.

All: May God accept these gifts, for the praise and glory of Your name, for our good and the good of all Your Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to you. Bless + this bread and this wine and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer (Offertory)

Deacon: God dwells in you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Deacon: Come to the table with thankful hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

Preface

Presider: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Holy One, in this dry and weary land we give you thanks and praise. You provide for us in our need; you set a table for us in the wilderness. Even when we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from stone. How can we keep silent? And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise, as we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy God! God of wonder and awe; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon) THANKSGIVING

Presider: We give thanks to you for the abundance of possibilities which you have made known to us in your creation.

Breathing your Spirit upon us, you filled us with a creative nature with you. We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our Way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies, our cup of blessing overflows.

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Institutions

Presider: When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this all of you, and eat it:
This is my body. Do this in memory of me.*

Presider: After supper in the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks, blessed it and gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

*Take this, all of you, and drink:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It is poured out for you and for all.
Do this in memory of me.*

Acclimation

All: Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of love, celebration and life.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, as your Spirit hovered over creation, as your Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus, your beloved Son, may your Spirit hover over us, and descend on these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be for us the + body and + blood of Christ.

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Commemorations

All: All: Remember O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, rejuvenated by the Spirit and your Son. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember Our Bishops and all who minister in your church. Grant that the various ministries we share may be a sign of the unity in diversity that is your kingdom.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith are known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Conclusion

All: In addition, grant that we may find our inheritance, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, St Marguerite and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the Christ

Great Amen

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold.

With Christ, may all creation be one.

In Christ, may all life be healed.

We eat this bread, we drink this cup.

We share as one body of Christ.

We give our thanks!

Amen, amen, amen!

Our Father

Deacon: Now let us praise, thank and petition our God, as Jesus the Christ taught us:

All: 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.

Following Prayer

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Presider: Give us patients, during this Lenten season, to listen and reflect on Your purpose during this unusual time. Help us to be the reflection of your kingdom in our words and actions through forgiveness and understanding...

Doxology

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

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This cup which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Peace,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Love,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Hope,
grant us peace.

Presider: May the union of divinity and humanity + in Jesus the Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

All: Amen.

Communion Prayer

All: Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood, free us from every evil. Keep us faithful to Your teaching and never let us be parted from You.

Presider: We will take the Bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Christ.

All: Jesus, you have made us worthy to receive you, by saying the word and healing us.

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Presider: The gifts of God are given by Jesus who said: I am the bread of life; feed on Him in faith with thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Holy Communion - Communion Song

Communion: We Have Been Told

Refrain: We have been told, we've seen his face,
And heard his voice alive in our hearts;
"Live in my love, with all your heart,
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

"I am the vine, you are the branches,
And all who live in me will bear great fruit."

"You are my friends, if you keep my commands,
No longer slaves, I call you friends."

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Priest's hands are extended

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: (In peace) Let us pray (to our wondrous God):

All: Gracious God, help me to look within myself as You see me. Help me O Jesus to see where I can grow my spirit to be like You, but also help me see my love for others that grows from your example. Show me the way, O God, to build Your creation with You for all who seek shelter. Guide me, O Holy Spirit during this Lenten season to feel Your comfort from within. Be with me that I can be reborn with You during Holy week so I may carry Your message of Grace, Love and welcoming
Amen.

Announcements

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Final Blessings

Deacon: Bow your heads and ask for God's blessing.

Blessing

Bishop: *Blessed be the name of God* **All: Now and forever**

Bishop: *Our help is in the name of God* **All: Who made Heaven and Earth.**

Presider: May the love of God surround you. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May the strength of Christ support you. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May the Holy Spirit uplift you. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May Almighty God bless us: + Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Charge

Deacon: This mass is ended; go out and share not just bread but the love of God and the word of everlasting life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found.
Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.