

Sunday Mass of Lent

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Yahweh, I Know You Are Near

Refrain: Yahweh, I know you are near,
Standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
And you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
And you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death;
Keeping me from harm.
2. Where can I run from your love;
If I climb to the heaven you are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
Still I'd find you there.

Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: As we enter into the Third Sunday of Lent ...

Opening Prayer

Deacon: May the grace ... of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray. ... with the promise of eternal life.

All: Amen

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PENITENTIAL 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 defied tradition when you encountered a Samaritan woman at the well: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, your conversation changed her forever: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, may your teaching change us forever: 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: Abba God, ... for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: Living God, ... that Jesus, the Christ, is the Savior of the world.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading:

Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people bitterly complained against Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Was it just to have us die of thirst with our children and our cattle?"

Moses cried out to God, "What am I to do with these people? A little more and they will stone me!" The Most High God answered, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel; as you go, hold in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock of Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." Moses did so, in the presence of the elders. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and put Our God to the test, saying, "Is Our God in our midst or not?"

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Responsorial Psalm PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R (8) If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to God;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to God.

R If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the God who made us.
For God is our strength,
and we are the people God shepherds, the flock God guides.

R If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your ancestors tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

R If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

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Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now, since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand; and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended for us. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. It is not easy to die even for a good person - though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die - but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us even while we were still sinners. .

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

Christ, you are truly the Savior of the world;

Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

Deacon: God be with you

All: And also with you

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you O God

The hour was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Recall that Jews would have nothing to do with Samaritans.

Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is who is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," she challenged Jesus, "you do not have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'? Surely you do not pretend to be greater than Our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?"

Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become a fountain within them, springing up to provide eternal life."

The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I will not grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and then come back here."
"I have no husband," replied the woman.

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"You are right in saying you have no husband," Jesus exclaimed. "The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

"I can see you are a prophet," answered the woman. "Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where God ought to be worshiped." Jesus told her, "Believe me, an hour is coming when you will worship neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we understand what we worship - after all, salvation is from the Jews."

"Yet an hour is coming - and is already here - when real worshipers will worship God in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers that God seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the Anointed One, who will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am that One."

The disciples, returning at this point, were surprised that Jesus was speaking with this woman. No one dared to ask, "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people, "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did! Couldn't this be the Messiah?"

At that, everyone set out from town to meet Jesus.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." But Jesus told them, "I have food to eat about which you do not know." At this, the disciples said to one another, "Do you suppose that someone has brought him something to eat?" Jesus explained to them, "Doing the will of the One who sent me and bringing this work to completion is my food. Do you not have a saying, 'Four months more and it will be harvest'? Listen to what I say; open your eyes and see! The fields are ripe and ready for harvest!

Reapers are already collecting their wages; they are gathering fruit for eternal life, and 'sower and reaper will rejoice together.

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Here we have the saying verified, 'One person sows; another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have done the work, and you have come upon the fruits of their labor."

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman's word of testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." The result was that, when these Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So Jesus stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word, many more came to faith. They told the woman, "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Savior of the world."

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.

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Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: Let us pray now for those in need of God's generous love.

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

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the church: May all its members be a profound sign of God's love; as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray to God, for living water, the source of deepest compassion, the fountain of eternal life. ... as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are marginalized in any way ... as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those whose voices are neither heard nor honored and the openness to changing our perception of others... as a hopeful people,

All: O God, hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for places in the world where water is scarce or has become a source of conflict. ... 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.

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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.

Leader: For the ministers of our Jurisdiction and our community: 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: God of life, we come to you as people seeking wholeness and fullness of life. We pray for ourselves and for those whose lives are fragile. Help us to not judge others and to be open to all you have to teach us. We humbly ask this in Jesus' holy name.

All: Amen.

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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: You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

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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: Creator God, it is entirely fitting that we should celebrate this Eucharist, through Jesus, the Christ, your Son, and in the power of your Spirit. Jesus was born of women, born under the law, to show us freedom from the subjects of the law, in order that we might attain the status of daughters and sons. We are therefore no longer slaves but your children, and then also your heirs. We do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit in us leads for us the Way.

You knew us before we were shaped in the likeness of your Son, that he might be the eldest among a family of sisters and brothers.

We, whom you have called make us worthy of our calling by sanctifying us and giving us your splendor.

You did not spare your own Son but surrounded him for us all.

It is he who died and was raised from the dead. What can separate us from the love of Christ?

Can affliction or hardship, hunger, nakedness, or peril? Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus the Christ, and so we sing:

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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. Ever Living God, you have created the world out of

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nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light. You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus, the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering and death.

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.

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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 they be for us the + body and + blood of Christ.

Commemorations

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 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

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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

Presider: Give us patience, 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.

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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.

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

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Communion: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat;

Come give to us, O saving God,

The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

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

All: God of Compassion, through your son Jesus the Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Emulating his example of prayer and fasting, may we follow you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

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 you experience the living water. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May the Holy Spirit guide 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 water but the love of God and the word of everlasting life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Closing: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

1. From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
2. Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word;
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
'Til suns shall rise and set no more.
5. Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.