

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 11 & 12, 2023 5:30 PM & 11:00 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Silent Procession

Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

Confession & Absolution

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Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy.
People *Christ, have mercy.*
Priest Lord, have mercy.

Sung during 11:00 service:

Elizabeth Niedt

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy – Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Psalm: Psalm 95

¹*Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

²*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

³*For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.*

⁴*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.*

⁵*The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.*

⁶*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

⁷*For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

⁸*Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, **

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

⁹*They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.*

¹⁰*Forty years long I detested that generation and said, **

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

¹¹*So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”*

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sequence Hymn

Wilt thou forgive (verses 1, 2)

John Donne (1573-1631)

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before?

Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door?

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the

Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Gospel Response - *Wilt thou forgive* (verse 3)

*I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.*

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

*Presider: We Pray to you O Lord,
Music Response after each petition.*

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to
yond my fears, from death to
life. life.
life. life.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

O Lord, Most Holy

Franck

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

People ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Sung during 11:00 service:

Elizabeth Niedt

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. God of power and might.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us. Bearer of our sins, have mercy, on us. Bearer of our sins, have mercy. Redeemer of the world, Jesus, give us your peace.

Communion Music

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

As long the deer for cooling streams

Hymnal #658

As long the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren ways,
so long my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face, thou Majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing
the praise of him who is thy God, thy health's eternal spring.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Rock of Ages

Hymnal #685

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.

Silent Recession

Dismissal

Postlude

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