

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2022 8:45AM

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

Maher, Le and Ndolo

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe, eleison, Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 Music

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Gospel Response

In my trials Lord walk with me. In my trials Lord walk with me when my heart is almost breaking, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

Presider or Deacon We pray to you O Lord,

*Music Response
after each petition*

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, 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

Beautiful Things

Matt Redman

Verse 1: All this pain - I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change – at all.

Verse 2: All this earth - Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground – at all.

Chorus

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust,
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3: All around - Hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found – in you. (Chorus)

Bridge

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new. (REPEAT) (Chorus)

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

Dufford/Schutte

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

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.

**Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you lay down your life for the world: have mercy on us.**
**Final Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you lay down your life for the world: O grant us, O grant us your peace.**

Communion Music

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

Chorus: You alone are my strength my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee

Verse 1: As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. Chorus

Verse 2: You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King I love You more than any other. So much more than anything. Chorus

Verse 3: I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye. Chorus

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Let Your Mercy Rain

Tomlin | Cash | Reeves

Verse 1: God You have done great things. God You give grace to the weak and bless the brokenhearted. With a song of praise to sing.

Pre-Chorus

You reached down and lifted us up. You came running looking for us
And now there's nothing, and no one beyond Your love .

Chorus 1: You're the overflow. You're the fountain of my heart.
Let Your mercy rain. Let Your mercy rain on us.

Chorus 2: You're the faithful one when the world's falling apart.
Let Your mercy rain. Let Your mercy rain on us.

Bridge: How deep how wide. How long how high is Your love. Is Your love.
How deep how wide. How long how high is Your love. Is Your love. Oh God.

Ending: Let it rain.

Silent Recession

Dismissal

Postlude

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