

The Third Sunday in Lent



March 7, 2021



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal 574

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Officiant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Officiant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.
Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
 You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
 We confess that we have failed to honor you
 in the great diversity of the human family.
 We have desired to live in freedom,
 while building walls between ourselves and others.
 We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
 while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,
 or the shape of features, or varieties of human experience.
 We have tried to love our neighbors individually,
 while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
 Forgive us, Holy God.
 Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
 Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
 Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
 even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Lector A reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall now bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not yet heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Lector A reading from First Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by - whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be low, a - bove:
earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader O God, give to your Church renewed grace and courage, that in this season, we may boldly proclaim your Word in new ways every day.

Shine your holy light upon Christ Church Detroit and its leadership, that our community may be a beacon of your hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Grant that this nation and its civic leaders, especially Joe our President, Gretchen our Governor, and Michael our Mayor, may grow in empathy and wisdom, to discern and implement policies for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Keep the nations of the earth under your care, that as we strive toward the light of justice and truth, there may be peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Be present with medical personnel, teachers, and other frontline workers, and all those who are dismantling systems of oppression in our communities, that they, through your strength, may quell the spread of COVID-19 and moral ills that dishonor your image and likeness.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Watch over your children, that they may have the abiding peace of your presence all the days of their lives. We pray especially for those who celebrate birthdays this week: **Lamar Richardson, Matthew Moore, Sonia Charron-Jones, Deborah Gillespie**, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Look upon those who are suffering or sick, and those for whom home has not been a place of rest, that they may find respite and relief from their troubles. We pray especially for **Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Bob Brown, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Michael Jenkins, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shably, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, Glen Swanson, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright**, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Receive into your eternal embrace those we love but see no longer, that they may rest in light and peace, to the comfort and consolation of those who mourn. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant God of peace,
let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come As You Are” and “In Christ Alone”

arr. Megan Carnevale

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.

Come broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy. Oh, sinner, come kneel.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken, lift up your face.

Oh wanderer, come home. You're not too far, so lay down your hurt.

Lay down your heart, come as you are.

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save,

Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;

For every sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

adapted from *This Far By Faith*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: because, though our road has been stony going, you have given us the power to stand firm in the face of wickedness and to rejoice in triumph over death and the grave. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

Celebrant and 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.**

The Celebrant continues

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; remembering your truth, and awaiting the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill our hearts with courage to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say
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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Common Worship

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Common Worship

Celebrant Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
All **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

There is a balm in Gilead

Lift Every Voice and Sing 203

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

D.C.

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

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