

THE THIRD
SUNDAY OF LENT
March 7, 2021



Pandemic safety

- * Staying healthy is our common responsibility!
- * **Masks are required at all times** (covering your mouth **and** nose) even if you have been vaccinated.
- * Respect **physical distancing** outside as well as inside. Stay at least six feet apart from anyone who is not in your household and refrain from physical contact with others.
- * If you would like to have **the text of the readings**, free copies of the *United in Christ* missal are available near the entrance. Please keep this missal for yourself and bring it with you to Mass every Sunday.
- * **Thank you** for your patience and presence!

Opening Song

*Hold Us in Your
Mercy*

Cantor, then all: 

Hold us in your mer - cy! Hold us in your mer - cy!

Cantor: *All:* *Cantor:* *All:*



(Invocation) _____ Hold us in your mer-cy! *(Invocation)* _____ Hold us in your mer-cy!

Penitential Act

Collect Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

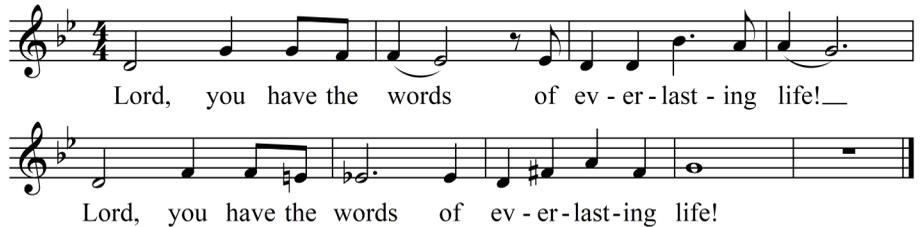
Exodus 20:1-17 or 1-3, 7-8, 12-17 (the commandments...)

Lector: ...The word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life!—

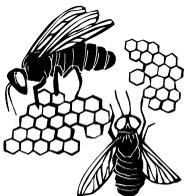
Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life!

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The statues of the Lord are true, all of them just.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold. Sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.



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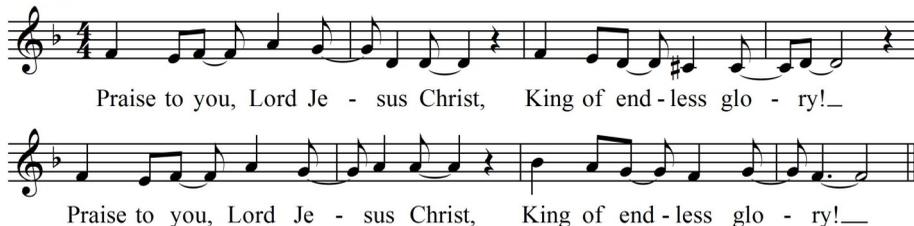
Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (God's wisdom is beyond human wisdom...)

Lector: ...*The word of the Lord.*

Assembly: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!_

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Gospel

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

John 2:13-25 (Jesus drives the market out of the temple...)

Priest/Deacon: ...The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, all bow:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.

(continued...) →

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar & Gifts

*As the Deer
Longs
(Psalms 42-43)*

Refrain:

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and lyrical, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are: "As the deer longs for run - ning streams, so I ___ long, so I ___ long, - so I ___ long for you." The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines.

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*Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

**Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Preface & Eucharistic Prayer

Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts!____
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est!____ Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.____ Ho - san - na in the high - est!____

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your
cross and res - ur - rec - tion____ you have set us free.____

Amen

A - men, a - - men, a - men!____

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The Lord's Prayer

- The bishop has instructed us to **omit sharing the sign of peace** at this time to limit physical contact that can spread disease. Mass continues with the Lamb of God.

Lamb of God Litany

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. _____ *Last time* Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace. _____

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Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

Please follow these instructions for approaching the sanctuary and receiving Holy Communion:

- The ushers will signal when each section is to come forward for Communion. The first to be invited to Communion will be the **side sections** beginning with those sitting near the back.
- Please use the **center aisle** to approach the front. (Those in the side sections, please walk back to the vestibule, over to the center, and then walk forward.)
- All will return to their seats by the **side aisles**.
- **Maintain at least six feet** from anyone who is not in your household.
- Keep your **mask** on except for the moment you receive Communion.
- At the marked position six feet from the priest, **PAUSE** and express your reverence for the Eucharist with a bow of your head. When he says, “The Body of Christ!” respond “Amen!” and **then** remove your mask and step forward to receive Communion.
- You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand to reduce the spread of disease.
- After you consume the Eucharist, place your mask back on (covering your mouth and nose) and *then* turn to go back to your place.

Those seeing this Mass online may pray this

[Prayer for a Spiritual Communion:](#)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen!

*Take, O Take
Me as I Am*

Refrain



Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall
be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

*Lead in to refrain
Assembly or Cantor*



But you, O Lord:

Cantor:

Some go searching far and wide: Where is wisdom, beauty, pride?

*Tell them: Here! Christ crucified! All: **But you, O Lord: Take...***

God so foolish, God so weak plays with us at hide-and-peek,

*finds and claims us, bids us speak. All: **But you, O Lord: Take...***

Marked with ashes we have come, we, the world so troublesome,

*we, the members; Christ, the sum. All: **But you, O Lord: Take...***

Clay and breath of God are we, Eden garden 'round that tree,

*Eve and Adam, you and me. All: **But you, O Lord: Take...***

Dine we here on broken bread. Here the lovely world is wed,

*God's own darling by God led. All: **But you, O Lord: Take...***

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Silent Prayer

Sending Song

Return to God

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
Vol - va - mos hoy a nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.
gra - cia, bus - can - do su per - dón y le - al - tad.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.

*1. Día de la salvación,
y tiempo favorable;
caminemos por las sendas de Dios.*

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- **Please wait** until your section is dismissed before leaving the church. Those sitting near the back will be dismissed first.
- As always, please **raise all kneelers** when you exit your pew.
- **Maintain physical distance** from everyone else and do not crowd together, inside or outside the church.
- Please remember to give to our parish's weekly **offertory** by placing your envelope in the offering box near the church doors. Or, donate online at stmarygr.weshareonline.org or send a check in the mail to our parish office.
- Please **do not leave this worship aid** in the pew. It will not be reused. You can take it with you or recycle it in the bin located near the door.