

# Mass Responses & Prayers

For use during the YouTube Mass on March 7, 2021—Third Sunday of Lent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

### GREETINGS

### PENITENTIAL ACT

**Priest:** You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** You came to call sinners.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

**Priest:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Lector:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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

**Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Lector:** Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

**Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

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

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

*Please see Monsignor's homily in today's bulletin.*

## NICENE CREED

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

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

**People:** 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **PREFACE DIALOGUE**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right and just.

### **PREFACE ACCLAMATION**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*People:* We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People:*

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.

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord,  
we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:* For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever.

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People:* And with your spirit.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*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.

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

## **A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to be with your church  
always, until the end of time.

We long to experience your presence more deeply and  
more intimately, even when we cannot gather in person as  
church to celebrate Eucharist.

We believe that you are present when we gather to  
worship.

We believe you are present in your ordained minister  
and in your sacred word when the Scriptures are  
proclaimed.

And we believe you are present when your sacred body  
and blood become our food and drink.

Our relationship with you is truly grace.

When I am not able to be physically present at the  
Eucharist with the community, help me to strengthen and  
deepen my relationship with you as I seek to encounter  
and serve you, not only in prayer but all I meet, especially  
in the poor and needy of our world.

Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITES (& BLESSINGS)**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* And may Almighty God bless us in the name of the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace,  
glorifying the Lord by your lives.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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