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Third Sunday of Lent

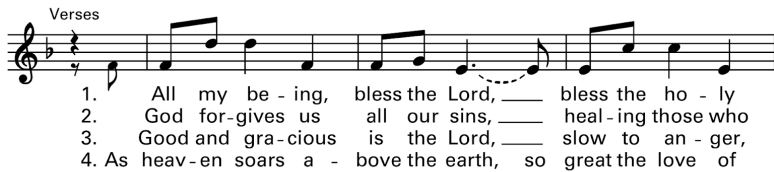
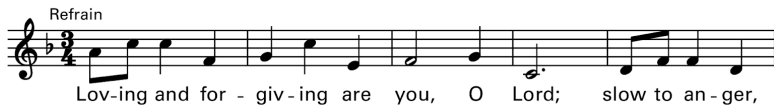
March 8, 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 25 (24):15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Entrance Hymn Loving and Forgiving - Scott Soper



First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

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?"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9



R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. 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. **R**

2. 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. **R**

3. 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." **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

cf. John 4:42, 15

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **R**

Gospel

John 4:5-42

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, 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 speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said,

“What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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, (**all bow**) 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.

Offertory Hymn O God, You Search Me - Bernadette Farrell

1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,

1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.

1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:

1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.
 Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.
 Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in
 ex-cél-sis.

Memorial Acclamation - Heritage Mass

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
 Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
 A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.
 A-gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
 the water I shall give will become in him
 a spring welling up to eternal life.

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Communion Hymn

Bread of Life - Iván Díaz

Estribillo/Refrain
 If you eat of my flesh and drink of my blood, You re-
 main in me and I in you. If you eat of my flesh and
 drink of my blood, You re-main in me and I in you.

Verses

1. Bread of life, food for all the hun - gry.
2. Bread of life, hope for all the low - ly.
3. Bread of life, o - cean of God's mer - cy.

1. Bread of life, heav-en's lov - ing sac - ri - fice.
2. Bread of life, love and grace a - midst des-pair.
3. Bread of life, ho - ly ban-quet from a - bove.

1. Bread from heav - en, so - lace for the wea - ry.
2. Bread from heav - en, com - fort for the suf - f'ring.
3. Bread from heav - en, strength for all who jour - ney.

to Refrain

1. Bread from heav - en, taste of par - a - dise.
2. Bread from heav - en, love be - yond com - pare.
3. Bread from heav - en, mys - ter - y of love.

Recessional Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - Paul Tate, Justin Wedgewood

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be

1. breath." I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn and
2. live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing
3. bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my

1. sad; I found in him a rest - ing place,
2. stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived,
3. sun; And in that light of life I'll walk

1. And he has made me glad.
2. And now I live in him.
3. Till trav - 'ling days are done.