

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MORNING PRAYER NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

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Officiant: Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any of you would come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.’ –*Matthew 16:24 (adapted)*

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,
power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing H 686 Please stand*

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Officiant:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.
Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.
As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.
All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us
of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture:

If we claim to be sinless,
we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.
If we confess our sins,
God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

We have rebelled against the Lord our God who still shows mercy and forgiveness.
—*Daniel 9:9*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us kneel and, in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive our sins, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**
Please stand

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

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.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7 *Please be seated*

The Israelites have escaped from Egypt and are now wandering in the desert. Earlier they grumbled that they had no food, so God gave them the gift of manna. Now they begin to grumble again.

From 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. The 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?" But 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?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The 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. I 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

CANTICLE Trisagion S 102 *Please stand*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11 *The people sit.*

Paul has argued that it was Abraham's faith that led God to find him worthy, rather than his obedience to a law. Now Paul tells of the results of the justification that comes through faith in Christ.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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THIRD READING: JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus has left Judea to return to Galilee. His route takes him through the land of the Samaritans, with whom the Jews never enjoyed good relations.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that 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 have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never 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 him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no 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 see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these 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 Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

SEQUENCE HYMN *There Is a Balm in Gilead* LEVAS 203 *Please Stand*

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.

MESSAGE Patti Case, Licensed Preacher

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Officiant and People together, all standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Loving God, we offer our praise and thanks for the gifts you have bestowed upon us, especially for:

You are invited to offer thanksgivings aloud or silently.

Merciful God, we pray for healing in body, mind, and spirit for those dear to us whom we carry in prayer day by day: **Mike & Judy, Doug, Greg, David, Robin, Beverly, Ryan, Linda, Beth, Carolyn & Jerry, Darrel, Jack, Brandon, Mark, Dick, and the displaced residents and leadership of Gethsemane Ministries.**

Hear also these concerns on our hearts:

You are invited to add petitions either silently or aloud.

COLLECTS OF THE DAY

God of infinite mercy,
grant that we who know your pity
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

God our light,
make your Church like a rainbow
shining and proclaiming to all the world
that the storm is at an end,
there is peace for those who seek it
and love for the forgiving.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Holy and ever living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY *Please be seated*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY *Please stand and sing:*

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

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

Officiant: I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

glorified and exalted above all for ever.

CLOSING HYMN *As the Deer Longs (O Waly, Waly)*

1 As the deer longs for flowing streams

So longs my soul for You, O God

My soul does thirst for the living God

When shall I come to see Your face

2 My tears have fed me day and night,

While men have said "Where is your God?"

But I recall as my soul pours dry

The days of praise within Your house

3 Why do I mourn and toil within,

When it is mine to hope in God?

I shall again sing praise to Him

He is my help, He is my God

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- My Way of Love for Lent Wednesdays thru April 5; 12 p.m.
- Next Sunday Folk Music Morning Prayer.

SUNG BENEDICTION *May God Bless and Keep You GC #577*

May God bless and keep you; may God smile on you.
May God show you kindness, fill you with peace.
And may God bless you, Father, Son, and Spirit;
may we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.

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