
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023

Entrance Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #724

Responsorial Psalm #1022

Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Communion Hymns

Prayer of Augustine #2062

Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting #55

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come 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 life everlasting.
Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the
heavenly hosts, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan, and all
evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Readings

#1022

First Reading:
Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading:
Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel:
John 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42



Entrance Hymn

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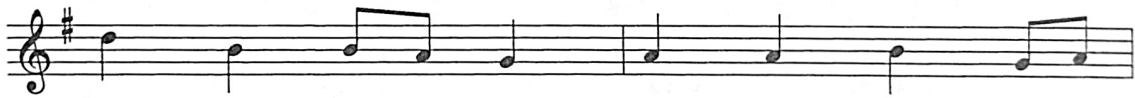
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2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



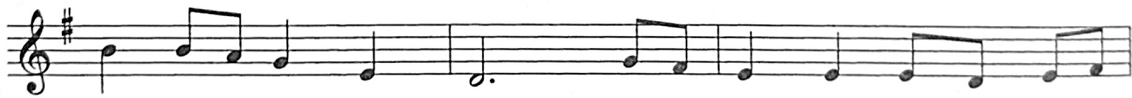
un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live." I
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



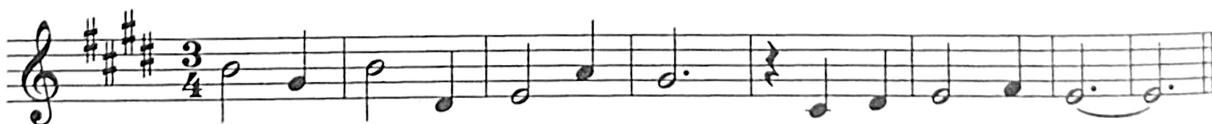
rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

READING I

Exodus 17:3-7 / 28

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?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7c, 7d-9

If to - day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving
thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. *R.*

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who
made us,
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *R.*

O that today you would listen to his
voice!

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work." *R.*

READING II

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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.

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

For short form read only the parts in brackets.

[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."]

FIRST SCRUTINY

During Lent, the elect (those catechumens who have been called to prepare for baptism at Easter) are called to come before the community for exorcisms and prayers. This takes place after the liturgy of the word on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. These rites are intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect, to strengthen them against temptation, to help them progress in the love of God.

The presider asks the assembly to pray in silence for the elect, then to join in intercessions for them. The presider lays hands on each of the elect and prays that the elect be delivered from the power of evil and become witnesses to the gospel. A song or psalm may be sung, then the elect are dismissed as usual and the faithful continue with the liturgy of the eucharist.

Communion Hymns

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Prayer of Augustine

Text adapted from
Augustine's Confessions, Book 10, Chapter 27

Words & Music by ED CONLIN

Verses



1. O Beau-ty an- cient, O Beau-ty so new_
2. I sought this world and chased its fin - er things,
3. Lord, in my deaf-ness You cried out to me._



Late have I loved Thee and feeb - ly yet do.
Yet were these not in You, they would not have been.
I drew my breath and now Your frag-rance I breathe.



Though you were with me, I was not with You. Then
My cease-less long-ing hid the deep - er truth, In
O Fount of Life, You are for - ev - er the same; O



You shone Your face and I was blind no more.
all my de - si - rings, I was de - sir - ing You.
Fire of Love: come set me a - flame.

Refrain



My heart search - es rest - less - ly and finds no rest 'till it



rests in Thee. O Seek - er You sought for me, Your



love has found me; I am ta - ken by Thee.

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Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting 55

Refrain

My soul is thirst - ing, my soul is thirst - ing,
my soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord my God.

Verses

1. O God, you are my God whom I seek;
O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines, my soul thirsts like the earth,
parched, lifeless, without water.
2. Thus have I gazed toward you in your holy place
to see your power and your glory.
Your kindness is a greater good than life itself;
my lips will glorify you.
3. Thus will I bless you while I live;
Lifting up my hands I will call upon your name.
As with a banquet shall my soul be satisfied;
with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
4. For you have been my help, you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand holds me firm;
in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

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Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With



gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O



sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.