

# 3 R D S U N D A Y O F L E N T

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## Opening Hymn

There's a Wideness in  
God's Mercy #644

## Responsorial Psalm #1024

Psalm 103: The Lord is kind and  
merciful; the Lord is kind and  
merciful.

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## 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

#1024

### First Reading:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,  
10-12

### Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9



# Opening Hymn

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 644



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



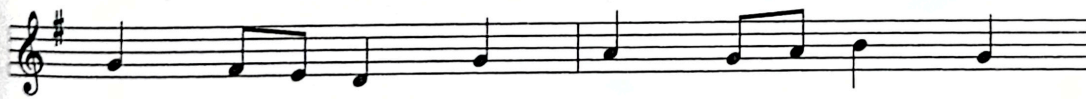
of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice  
of the mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der



Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-  
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come



ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;  
but more faith-ful, We should rest up-on God's word;  
for the sin-ner, And more grac-es for the good;



There is joy for all the mem-bers  
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior,



In the sor-rows of the Head.  
For the good-ness of our Lord.  
There is heal-ing in his blood.

# First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian.

Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush.

As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided,

“I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned.”

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

He answered, “Here I am.”

God said, “Come no nearer!

Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

I am the God of your fathers, “ he continued, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

But the LORD said,

“I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering.

Therefore I have come down to rescue them

from the hands of the Egyptians

and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Moses said to God, “But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ if they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what am I to tell them?”

God replied, “I am who am.”

Then he added, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites:

I AM sent me to you.”

God spoke further to Moses, “Thus shall you say to the Israelites:

The LORD, the God of your fathers,

the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob,

has sent me to you.

“This is my name forever;

thus am I to be remembered through all generations.”

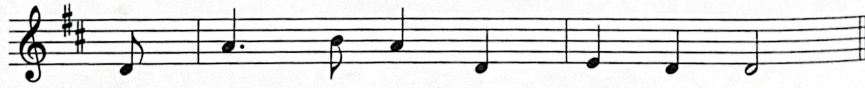
# Responsorial Psalm

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 and 11*



The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful;



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Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits. *℟.*

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and  
compassion. *℟.*

The LORD does just deeds,  
gives full justice to all who are  
oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of  
Israel. *℟.*

The LORD is compassionate and  
gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the  
earth,  
so strong his mercy for those who  
fear him. *℟.*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
that our ancestors were all under the cloud  
and all passed through the sea,  
and all of them were baptized into Moses  
in the cloud and in the sea.  
All ate the same spiritual food,  
and all drank the same spiritual drink,  
for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them,  
and the rock was the Christ.  
Yet God was not pleased with most of them,  
for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us,  
so that we might not desire evil things, as they did.  
Do not grumble as some of them did,  
and suffered death by the destroyer.  
These things happened to them as an example,  
and they have been written down as a warning to us,  
upon whom the end of the ages has come.  
Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure  
should take care not to fall.

# Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans  
whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way  
they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,  
you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed  
when the tower at Siloam fell on them—  
do you think they were more guilty  
than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,  
you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard,  
and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none,  
he said to the gardener,

‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree  
but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?’

He said to him in reply,

‘Sir, leave it for this year also,  
and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;  
it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.”

# Communion Hymns

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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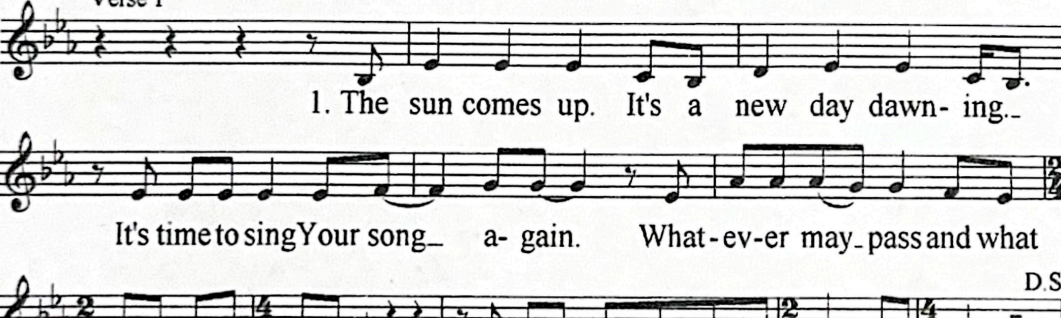
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**Refrain**



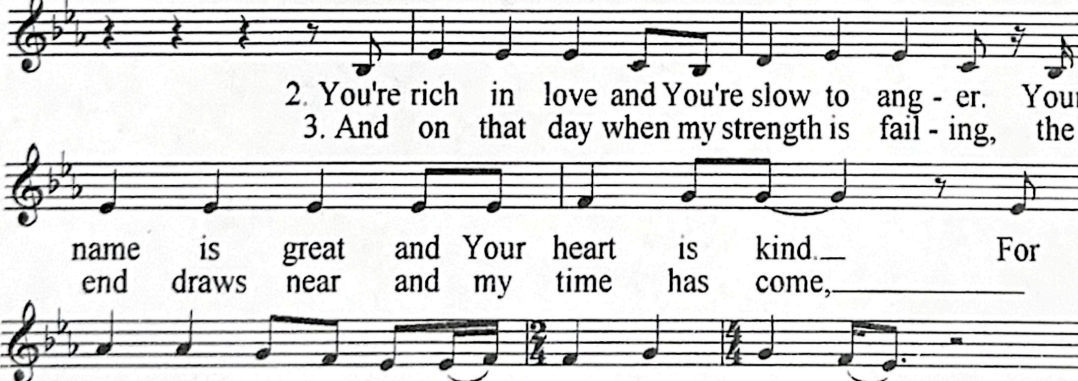
Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.  
Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,  
oh, my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name..

**Verse 1**



1. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn-ing..  
It's time to sing Your song\_ a- gain. What-ev-er may-pass and what  
ev-er lies be- fore\_ me, let me be sing-ing when the ev'n-ing comes. **D.S.**

**Verse 2 & 3**



2. You're rich in love and You're slow to ang - er. Your  
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the  
name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
end draws near and my time has come,  
all Your good-ness I will\_ keep on sing - ing\_  
still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing\_ **D.S.**  
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to\_ find.  
ten thou-sands years and then for - ev - er\_ more.

# Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful 75

## Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the  
 Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

## Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;  
 bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
 redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
 slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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# 484 Hosea

## Verses

1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
 † Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you  
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,  
 3. † You shall sleep se - cure with peace;

Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
 so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)  
 to your heart where I will speak.  
 With ten - der - ness, † you shall know. (To refrain)  
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

## Refrain

Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and  
 liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Hosea 6:1, 3-3, 2:16, 21, Joel 2:12, Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet, OSB, b 1940  
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# 482 The Cross of Jesus



1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple,  
 2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart;  
 3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us  
 4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice;



We who long to see your face.  
 Melt a - way the win - ter chill.  
 We have lost you from our sight.  
 Res - cue us from sin and grave.



Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;  
 Help us now to make a new start;  
 E - ven though your love has found us,  
 Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,



Fill our lives with truth and grace.  
 Help us now to know your will.  
 We em - brace the powers of night.  
 Breathe in us the breath that saves.



On - ly you can win our free - dom;  
 Washed in wa - ters of for - give - ness,  
 Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness;  
 Strength - en us in our com - mun - ion,



On - ly you can bring us peace.  
 Cleansed in wa - ters of new birth,  
 Guide our hearts in - to the light.  
 One in Word and cup and bread.



On - ly in the cross of Je - sus  
 Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,  
 Join us to the cross of Je - sus.  
 Here with - in the cross of Je - sus



Will the cap - tives find re - lease.  
 Bring - ing life to all the earth.  
 Help us set our liv - ing right.  
 All who hun - ger will be fed.