



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Apopka, Florida

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

First time cantor, then all:



Ký-ri-e, e - lé-i-son, Ký-ri-e, e - lé-i-son.

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Cantor:

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 Chant

Return to God

This week we will sing verses 1 and 2.

Refrain / Estribillo



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
Vol - va - mos hoy a nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da

mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.
gra - cia, bus - can - do su per - dón y le - al - tad.

Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth
like the dawn.

Estrofas

1. *Día de la salvación,
y tiempo favorable;
caminemos por las sendas de Dios.*
2. *Quitaré tu corazón de piedra;
te daré un corazón
de amor y compasión.*
3. *Si tú rompes vínculos injustos,
y a los presos das libertad;
ofreciendo pan al hambriento,
protección al extraviado;
dando abrigo a quien está
sin techo,
y vestido al desnudo;
surgirá tu luz como la aurora.*

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Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Greeting

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you my brothers and sisters
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

Kyrie

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

These are the Cycle B readings for the 7:30 and 11:00 Masses. The Cycle A readings for the 5:00 Mass begin on page 8.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

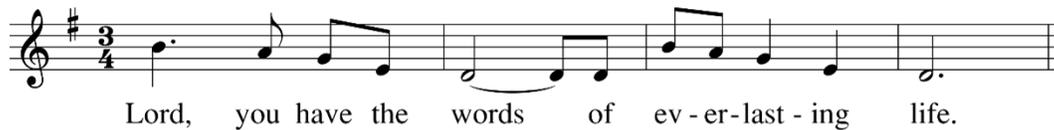
"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Refrain



Verses

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever;
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.
3. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye.
4. They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

These are the Cycle A readings for the 5:00 Mass. The Cycle B readings for the 7:30 and 11:00 Masses began on page 5.

First Reading (5:00 Mass / Cycle A): Exodus 17:3-7

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (5:00 Mass / Cycle A): Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9



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.*

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Gospel (5:00 Mass / Cycle A): John 4:5-42

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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 at the following words up to: and became man.

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.

Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)

Orate Fratres

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

R. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. —

Mystery of Faith

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

Amen

A-men, a-men, a - men. a - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Cantor: A-gnus De - i, *All:* 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.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

Communion

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.

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

Communion Chant

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

Greeting & Blessing

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and
the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;



you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
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