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3rd Lent

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Welcome The Beatitudes

Notices -

Opening Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

that whoever believes in him should not perish but have

eternal life. John 3.16

Opening Hymn Be still my soul - GB 31

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matthew 5.3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, *

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, * for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, * for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what

for they shall be satisfied.

is right, *

Blessed are the merciful, *

for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart, * for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, *

for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, *

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and

persecute you *

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be glad, * for your reward is great in heaven

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, give us zeal to discern the foolishness and the wisdom of this present age, so that we may proclaim Christ crucified; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen**. (from FWM Proposed Prayers)

1st Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm -Psalm 19

19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

19:2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

19:4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

19:5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

19:6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

19:9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

19:11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

19:12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

19:13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. **Amen**

2nd Reading -1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Gradual Hymn -#479 (CP)

O Christ, the master carpenter

The Gospel - John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Reflection -

Affirmation of Faith -

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our 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.

Prayers for the Community

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember • the persecuted • the oppressed peoples of the world; • all who are lonely; • all who are near to death and • all who are facing loss.

Faithful God of love, you blessed us with your servant Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and with mercy.

We gather the needs of ourselves and others, and offer them to you in faith and love, seeking to be strengthened to meet them.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring your realm of shalom to fulfilment.. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Merciful Creator God,

You have searched us out and known us; the hopes we hold and the sins that cling to us.

The hurts we absorb and ferment; the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are, knowing that only in You are we truly known as the ones You would have us be. Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves, and respect each other with dignity, that we might welcome with You the gifts and challenges that Your new creation brings, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

May God our Great Creator have mercy upon you, and cleanse your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness, that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, His holy way.

Amen.

The Peace -

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn I heard the voice of Jesus say - CP 508

Doxology - 666 (CP)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayer Over the Gifts -

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3 -

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Repeat

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death

a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn - Lamb of God

Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of the World Have Mercy on Us

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Grant Us Peace Grant Us Peace

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Benediction -

The Lord bless and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up the light
of his countenance upon you, and give you
peace.

And the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you, uphold and strengthen you, grant you favour in all that you do now and always. **Amen**

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday School

Closing Hymn Amazing Grace - CP 352

Dismissal -

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Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And be what you are, the church in the World. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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