

**Third Sundays of the Month during Lent**  
**Communion Order of Worship (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Invocation**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Confession & Declaration of Grace**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God, our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for personal confession.*

P Our help is from the Lord.

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized will be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

**C Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

### **Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **First Reading**

### **Psalm**

### **Second Reading**

### **Gospel**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### Anthem

### Apostles' Creed

**C 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 into hell. 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 of the People

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence for prayer*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you,

Lord of Heaven and earth.

In your mercy for our fallen world

you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation  
you have prepared  
for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit  
into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord  
with a living faith  
as he comes to us  
in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** In the night  
in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.

## **The Communion**

*All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.*

*For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

*(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)*

*Following the receiving of communion, the pastor will speak a blessing to those who do not yet receive the sacrament.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**