Third Sunday of Lent
St. Stephen Parish
March 19–20, 2022

Entrance: Have Mercy, O God (Lourdes Montgomery)

*Have mercy, O God, in your love.*
*Let your kindness shine upon us.*
*Have mercy, O God, in your love.*
*MAY we return home to you.*

*Show us your mercy, O Lord,*
*and grant us your salvation.*

*Have mercy, O God, in your love.*
*Let your kindness shine upon us.*
*Have mercy, O God, in your love.*
*MAY we return home to you.*
First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 complain against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to 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, and 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.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103 (Luke Mayernik)

"The Lord is kind and merciful,
the Lord is kind and merciful."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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 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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Presentation of the Gifts

Salmo 50: Oh Dios, Crea en Mi / Psalm 51: Create in Me

Eleazar Cortés

1. Piedad de mi, Señor, por tu bondad, por tu inmensa compasión borra mi culpa; lava del todo mi delito, purificame, tú, de mi pecado.

2. Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro, pon en mí un espíritu firme; no me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, no me quites tu santo espíritu.

3. Dame la alegría de tu salvación, mantén en mí un alma generosa. Enseñaré a los malvados tus caminos, se volverán a ti los pecadores.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness blot out my offenses; wash me, wash away my guilt, cleanse me completely of my sin.

2. Create in me, God, a pure heart and give me a steadfast spirit; do not cast me out from your presence, nor remove your holy spirit.

3. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a willing spirit. Open my lips, O Lord, and I shall proclaim your praise.

Memorial Acclamation

Save Us, Savior

Belmont Mass
Christopher Walker

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Lamb of God

Agnus Dei XVIII

Text and music: Chant; Graduale Romanum, 1974.

Communion Antiphon

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Communion Antiphon [ii]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

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Communion Hymn

CHRIST IN ME ARISE

Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.

Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.

Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.
2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go. Onward to the kingdom,

1, 2. You are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who formed me in my mother's womb. I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

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Closing Hymn: Led By The Spirit (KINGSFOLD)

Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.
“Rend not your garments, rend your hearts.
Turn back your lives to me.”
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.

Led by the Spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
“Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again.”
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Savior, kin and friend.

Thank you for joining us!
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