

Third Sunday in Lent

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594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Rite of Holy Baptism *The Howard Family*

817 Earth and All Stars

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1–7

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

Responsory

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
C **Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.**
P How do you know this?
C **From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**
P Are you sorry for your sins?
C **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**
P What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
C **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**
P Do you hope to be saved?
C **Yes, that is my hope.**
P In whom then do you trust?
C **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**
P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**
P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? (John 20, Matt 18)
C **Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Children's Message

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive *vs 1-4*

Sermon

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive *vs 5-7*

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Groundbreaking Procession:

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought
her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought
her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Unless the Lord builds the house,
C **those who build it labor in vain.**

P Hear the Word of the Lord:
Luke 6:47-49

P This is the Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

P We turn this dirt to commemorate that this project, already begun, is done in the same manner as all the work leading up to it; namely in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, that the school which will be built here may serve as a place where God will cause His name to dwell and where He will come to His people and bless them.

C Amen.

Prayer for the Church Rev. Garen Pay

Prayer for the School Rev. Robert Carabotta

Remarks and Prayers from Vice President Rev. Jonathan Dinger

Concluding Collect

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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