

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

Prayer for the Morning

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Glory to the Father...Amen.

Hymn

Meter: 76 76 D

Ah! Lord, how shall I meet thee,
How welcome thee aright?
All nations long to greet thee,
My hope, my sole delight!
Brighten the lamp that burneth
But dimly in my breast,
And teach my soul, that yearneth
To honor such high guest.
O ye sad hearts that sicken
With hope deferred, and see
The gloom around you thicken,
The joys ye hoped for flee—
Despair not, he is near you,
Yea, at the very door,
Who best can help and cheer you,
He will not linger more.
Nor sin shall make you fearful,
Ashamed to see his face,
The contrite heart and tearful
He covers with his grace;
He comes to heal the spirit
That mourneth sin-oppressed,
And raise us to inherit
With him our proper rest.

Canticle

Isaiah 2:2-5

On that day there shall no longer be any merchant in the house of the Lord of hosts. (Zec 14:21)

In driving the merchants from the Temple, Jesus announces by a sign the arrival of the Messiah who brings to fulfillment the covenant promises of deliverance and peace. It will take Calvary to teach at what price that peace is bought.

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest mountain
and raised above the hills.
All nations shall stream toward it;
many peoples shall come and say:
"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths."
For from Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and impose terms on many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against
another, nor shall they train for war again.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Glory to the Father

Word of God

Isaiah 54:10

Though the mountains leave their place/ and the
hills be shaken,/ My love shall never leave you/
nor my covenant of peace be shaken,/ says the
Lord, who has mercy on you.

He shall be peace. (Mi 5:4)

Canticle of Zechariah

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. (Jn 14:27)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has
come to his people and set them free. He has
raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house
of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that
he would save us from our enemies, from the
hands of all who hate us. He promised to show
mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy
covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free
to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in
his sight all the days of our life. You, my child,
shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for
you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to
give his people knowledge of salvation by the
forgiveness of their sins. In the tender
compassion of our God the dawn from on high
shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell
in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide
our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

The cross is the sign of God's word of peace and
his covenant law of love. With gratitude we pray:

R/You have the words of everlasting life.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the law of love made
flesh: may we who are your Body fulfill your law in
our day. **R/**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the priest of the new
and eternal covenant of love: may we who are your

people live in fidelity to the covenant you have made. **R/**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our peace:

– may we who bear your name be bearers of your peace. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

Lord God almighty, you sent your only Son to bring peace to the world through his death and Resurrection. Draw into the fullness of your peace all who are preparing to bind themselves to you in the new and -eternal covenant of Jesus Christ through baptism and the -profession of faith, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1

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.”

Reading 2

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.

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money -changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop -making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples -recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This -temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God’s commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God’s will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family’s salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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