



Morning Prayer
The Third Sunday in Lent
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Ministers of the Liturgy

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Musicians:

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [Psalm 51:10]

Prelude

Mother Judith Opening Prayer

God of past and future, long ago you gave us rules to live by: do not steal, do not lie, do not kill—and promised that the rain would fall and the sun would shine, and you would be our God. Today you call us to remember the improbably abundance of creation; the foolish wisdom of the cross, the mystery of Christ, who rose from the dead and lives among us and in us and around us. Help us to know ourselves as your holy temple, the living Body of Christ, the vessel of your holy wisdom and power. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you, Holy One, our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Mother Judith: The Confession

Lord Jesus, you come into our lives when we are least prepared for you. As you enfolded your betrayers, so embrace us who struggle to love. Reconcile us with our sisters and brothers, and for the sake of your love forgive us all our sins.

Absolution:

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Mary Johnson

Healy Willan

Lord Have mercy upon me.

Christ has mercy upon me.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Brandon Kee & Peach Warren Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * **and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * **and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * **and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * **cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Dave Clinkman Reading from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you

shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. 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, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Ginny Starkis A Song of Christ's Humility: Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, * Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, * and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *

and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him * and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, * to the glory of God the Father.

Peach Warren A Reading from the Gospel of John [2:13-22]

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Homily

Dave Clinkman A Song of Faith 1 Peter [1:3-4,18-21]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us * was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, * the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Musical Meditation Rock of Ages Hymnal #685

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.*

Mother Judith The Apostles' Creed

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 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.

Mother Judith & Ginny Starkis The Prayers

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care; and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Mother Judith The Lord's Prayer

Mother Judith Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Brandon Kee & Dave Clinkman The Prayers of the People

Our Savior Jesus Christ promised to draw to himself all things in heaven or on earth. Let us pray, therefore, that the peace accomplished through the Cross of Christ may be brought forth in our own world and in our personal relationships. Let us pray for the Church and the world and for peace among all nations. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to shine in the lives of all God's people.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to our divisions and inequalities, that we all might share in the blessings of your creation. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the health of men, women, children and families around the world. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to the waste of God's creation, for access to the natural resources to be shared equally among all people, and for resolve to conserve our resources. *Silence*

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own community at Trinity, in thanksgiving for the blessings of our fellowship, in hopes that those who seek healing of body and spirit will find peace with us.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of covid-19, poverty, violence, or hardness of the human heart, and those we now name, silently or aloud; *Silence*
God of love, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Most merciful God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we may find it the way of freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

Ginny Starkis Prayer for Women's History Month

Spirit of renewal, God of many names, we turn this month in our nation's life, to reflect on the stories, the heritage and the struggles of the women throughout the ages. May we pause before the silences of the ages, find who has been left out, and craft new ways of inclusion for every week, and every month. May this month of reflection teach us to search for those stories that are different from our own. May we come to know ourselves changed, renewed where we are dry, hopeful where we are lost, and open where we are shut. **Amen.**

Dave Clinkman A Prayer in Time of Transition

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

Peach Warren A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 500,000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear and impatience. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Brandon Kee A Prayer to End Hunger

Education for Justice

Sharing the loaves and fishes, You gave us an image of solidarity with the hungry, O Lord.
Sharing yourself in the bread and wine, You called everyone to the table, O Lord.
Give us the hunger to be a part of the feeding and the healing of this world.

Nourish us with your Grace, so we may work with joy to serve your children.
Open our eyes and hearts to recognize those who are hungry and forgive our forgetfulness
and willful ignorance, so we may all break bread together.
In your name we pray for the end of hunger. **Amen.**

Mother Judith A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Mother Judith Blessing

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mother Judith Dismissal

Go now to follow the way of Jesus: see others as he did; dare to give freely as he did;
to resist temptation as he did; and to love unconditionally as he did. **Thanks be to God.**