

Hymns for the Third Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn:

The Glory of These Forty Days

Verse 1 The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise
For Christ by whom all things were made
Himself has fasted and has prayed

Verse 2 Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law
And to Elijah fasting came
The steeds and chariots of flame

Verse 3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight
Delivered from the lion's might
And John the Bridegroom's friend became
The herald of Messiah's name
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Psalm Refrain: Lord, you have the words of
everlasting life.

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabbaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua
Hosanna in excelsis
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini
Hosana in excelsis

Agnus Dei

A-gnus De-i, qui-tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, mi-se-re-
re no-bis,
A-gnus De-i, qui-tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di; mi-se-re-
re no-bis.
A-gnus De-i, qui-tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di; do-na no-
bis pa-cem.

Offertory Hymn:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Verse 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

Verse 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him

Verse 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark worlds Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done. CCLI Song # 457226

Communion Song: I Am the Bread of Life

Verse 1 I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the father beckons.

Refrain And I will raise you up, and I will raise
you up, and I will raise you up On the last day.

Verse 2 The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread You shall live forever,
You shall live forever.

Refrain

Verse 3 Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.

Refrain

Recessional Hymn: Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Verse 1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Chorus

Verse 2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading, 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.”

Responsorial Psalm, 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than old, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading, 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.

Verse Before the Gospel, John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel Reading, 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.