

# Third Sunday of Lent • March 12, 2023

## St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*O man, weep for your great sins  
Because of which Christ left his Father's bosom  
And came upon the earth;  
From a young woman pure and gentle  
He was born here for us.*

*He wanted to become our mediator,  
To the dead he gave life  
And removed in this way all sickness  
Until the time came  
When he was sacrificed for us,*

### Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE RITE

Paul M. French

**Cantor, then all:**

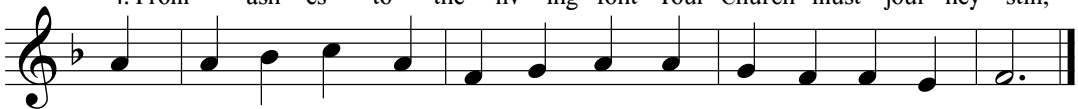


O wash us clean from sin; grant us your Spirit, Lord.

**All:**



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your Church must jour - ney, Lord,
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your voice speaks deep with - in,
3. For thirst - ing hearts let wa - ters flow, Our faint - ing souls re - vive;
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your Church must jour - ney still,



Bap - tized in grace, in grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.  
Re - turn - ing us to ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.  
And at the well your wa - ters give Our ev - er - last - ing life.  
Through cross and tomb to Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire - ful - filled.

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next page*

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING



## PENITENTIAL ACT: CONFITEOR

### CHANTED ON A SINGLE TONE

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

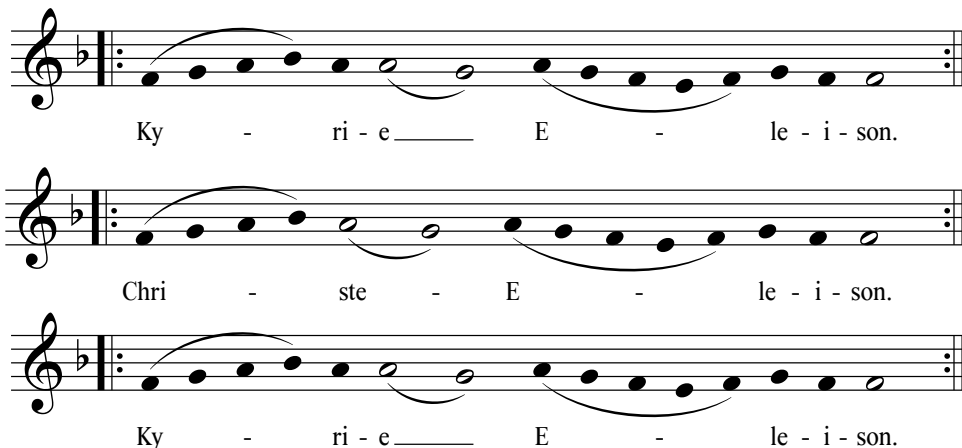
*Then they continue:*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## KYRIE ELEISON

## Missa pro Defunctis

## Gregorian Chant

*Cantor, then all:*



Music: Kyrie from Missa pro Defunctis, Graduale Romanum

# Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

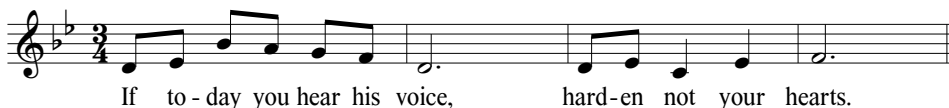
*Give us water, so that we may drink.*

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!” The Lord answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95

Luke Mayernik



Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving  
thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise. R.

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the God who  
made us,  
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.” R.

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts.*

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith,  
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 through whom we have gained access by faith  
 to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.  
 And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
 For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
 Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
 though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.  
 But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephen Eros



Glo - ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;*

*give me living water, that I may never thirst again. – John 4:42, 15*

## GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.

It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him,

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" – For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. – Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep;

where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob,

who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

## 8:30 – DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS



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## APOSTLES' CREED

*"...especially during Lent and Eastertide, the baptismal Symbol of the roman church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used." – Roman Missal*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,

*making a profound bow*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day

he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come  
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 life everlasting.  
Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Deacon/Cantor*

*All*



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Psalm 19:9-12

Adam Bartlett

The judgments of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart,  
and are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb.  
And so, your servant shall keep them.

10:30 - ANTHEM

Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells  
(1892- 1983)

*London, 1941: Herbert Howells composes this anthem as the city is being bombed.  
The emotions of these scripture verses—longing, distress, anguish—are ever present for him  
as he mourns the death of his son, Michael, who died at age 9 in 1935.  
In today's liturgy, the end of the first reading mirrors Psalm 42's verse, "Where is now thy God?"  
The image of the deer longing for water echoes the Samaritan woman seeking living water.*

Like as the hart desireth the  
waterbrooks, so longeth my soul  
after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God,  
yea, even for the living God.  
When shall I come to appear  
before the presence of God?

My tears have been my  
meat day and night,  
while they daily say unto me,  
"Where is now thy God?"

*Text - Psalm 42:1-3*



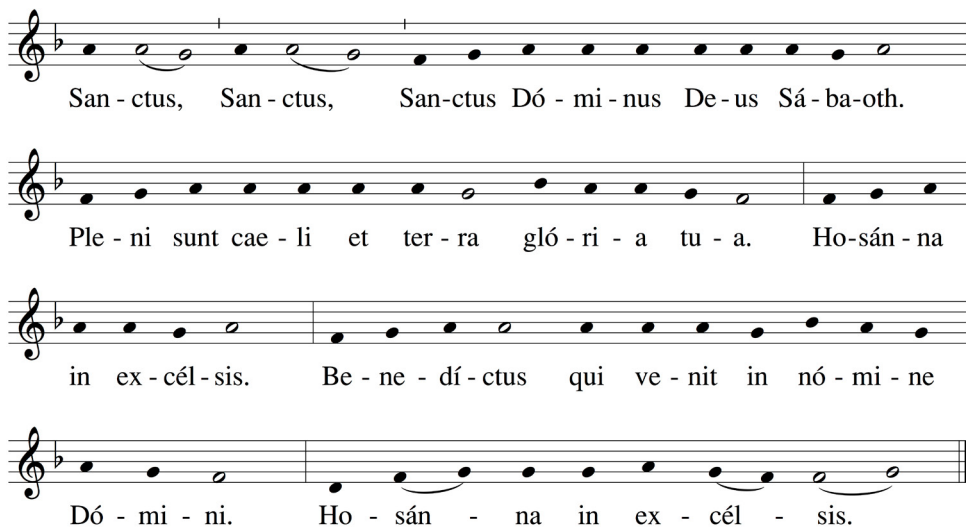
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*These acclamations may be sung without organ accompaniment,*

**IN WHICH CASE THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD STILL SING WITH FULL VOICE.**

*The choir is present to encourage and sustain the assembly's singing; not replace it.*

## SANCTUS



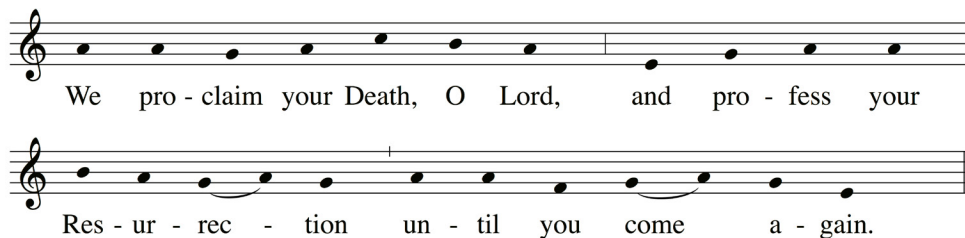
San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na

in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## GREAT AMEN



*Assembly:*

A - men, a - men, a - men.



# Communion Rite

AGNUS DEI

Mass XVIII

*Cantor:* *All:*

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

John 4:13-14

Columba Kelly, OSB

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.



## Refrain



Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, Give us wa-ter from your well.

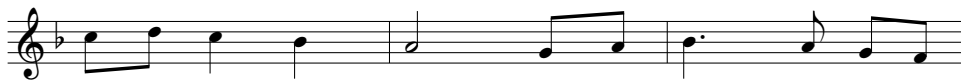


In the gra-cious gift you of - fer There is joy no tongue can tell.

## Verses



- |                |                   |              |            |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Come to me, | all pil - grims   | thirst - y;  | Drink the  |
| 2. Come to me, | all trav - lers   | wea - ry;    | Come that  |
| 3. Come to me, | be - liev - ers   | bur - dened; | Find re -  |
| 4. Come to me, | re - pen - tant   | sin - ners;  | Leave be - |
| 5. Come to me, | dis - tressed and | need - y;    | I will     |
| 6. Come to me, | a - ban - doned,  | or - phaned; | Lone - ly  |



wa - ter I will	give.	If you knew	what gift I
I may give you	rest.	Drink the cup	of life I
fresh-ment in this	place.	Come, re - ceive	the gift I
hind your guilt and	shame.	If you knew	di - vine com -
be your trust - ed	friend.	Seek the gift	of life I
ways no long - er	roam.	Come, ac - cept	the gift I



D.C.

of - fer,	You would	come to me	and live.
of - fer;	At this	ta - ble be	my guest.
of - fer;	Turn to	me and seek	my face.
pas - sion,	You would	turn and call	my name.
of - fer;	Come, your	o - pen hands	ex - tend.
of - fer;	Come and	make in me	your home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939

Tune: GRACIOUS GIFT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Michel Guimont, b.1950

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God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
 God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
 God be at my end, and at my departing.



*The love of God has been  
 poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit that  
 has been given to us.*

## concluding Rites

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Kingsfold*

*found on back page*

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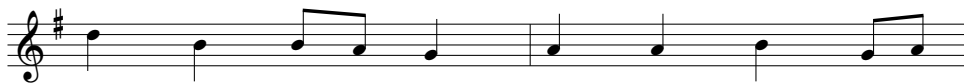
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



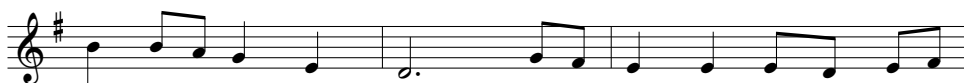
un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry  
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;  
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I  
thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live." I  
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So  
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a  
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
soul re - lived, And now I live in him.  
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

**PLEASE MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE  
AND SILENCE AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH.**