

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

Entrance Hymn

1. We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him. (2x)
We have come into His house and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord; worship Him, Christ, the Lord.
2. So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (2x)
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ the Lord; worship Him, Christ, the Lord.
3. Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Him. (2x)
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name
and worship Christ the Lord; worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and 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.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Opening Prayer

Father,
you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness, give us confidence in your love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

3:1–8. 13–15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight," Moses said "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father," he said "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow."

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This" he added "is what you must say to the sons of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

R: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

Ps 102:1–4. 6–8. 11. **R** v. 8

Second Reading

10:1–6. 10–12.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain; some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

13:1–9

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

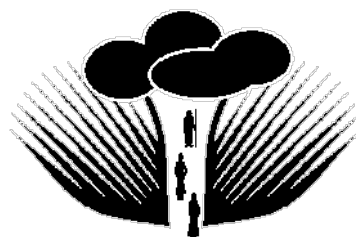
Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

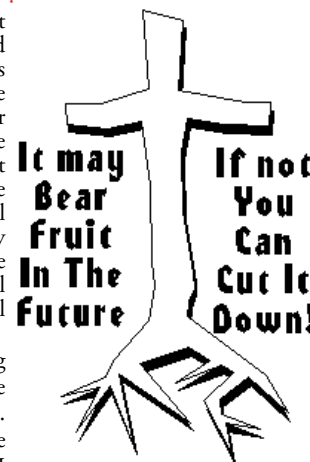
He told the parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**All Of Our Ancestors
Passed Under The Cloud
Were Baptized In The Sea**



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 God the Father Almighty. 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 life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

*Take thou the offering Thy children make,
all united for Thy name's sake.*

1. Heavenly Father, Almighty God,
we offer Thee this sacrifice;
show to us Thy mercy, O Lord,
forgive us the sins of all our life.
2. To Thee, O Lord, our joys we give,
our weariness, our work and woe;
the anxious moments that we live —
lighten our burden as we go.



The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

P: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord,
by the grace of this sacrifice may we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another.

Eucharistic Prayer

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

C: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

C: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

C: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

Communion Hymn

1. Many times I have turned from the way of the Lord.
Many times I have chosen the darkness.
In the light of the day, when the shadows are gone,
all I see is my sin in its starkness.

Jesus came to bring us mercy,

Jesus came to bring us life again.

He loves us, He loves us, He loves us.

2. I confess I have sinned, in the sight of the Lord,
through my pride, through my malice and weakness.
I've rejected the promise that comes from the Cross,
where the Lord hung above us in meekness.
With a word, with a deed, with a failure to act,
with a thought that was evil and hateful,
I confess to You, brothers and sisters of mine,
I have sinned and been proven ungrateful.
3. Through my fault, through my fault,
through my serious fault,
I confess to you Lord, all my sinning.
But look down upon me, Lord,
grant Your pardon and peace;
with Your help, I've a new life beginning.



1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on,
to our abiding place.
3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart.
Saviour, abide with us and spread
your table in our heart,
4. Lord, dine with us in love divine;
your Body and your Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.



Prayer After Communion

Lord,
in sharing this sacrament may we receive your forgiveness and be brought together in unity and peace.

Concluding Rite

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

C: The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1. Oh, Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, How great Thou art (2x)*
2. And when I think that God His Son not sparing
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died, to take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art."