

# Third Sunday in Lent C

20 March 2022

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 (Year C)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro,  
the priest of Midian;

he led his flock beyond the wilderness,  
and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him  
in a flame of fire out of a bush;

Moses looked, and the bush was blazing,  
yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said,

"I must turn aside and look at this great sight,  
and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see,  
God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Then God said, "Come no closer!

Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

God said further; "I am the God of your father,  
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said,

"I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt;  
I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.

Indeed, I know their sufferings,  
and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians,

and to bring them up out of that land  
to a good and broad land,  
a land flowing with milk and honey.

"But Moses said to God,  
"If I come to the Israelites and say to them, '  
'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,'  
and they ask me, 'What is his name?'  
what shall I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

He said further,

"Thus you shall say to the Israelites,  
'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses,

"Thus you shall say to the Israelites,

'The Lord, the God of your ancestors,  
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
has sent me to you.'

This is my name forever;  
and this my name for all generations."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 103.1-2, 3-4,6-7,8+11 ( Year C)

#### **R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,  
heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

The Lord works vindication,  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
his acts to the people of Israel. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 (Year C)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
that our ancestors were all under the cloud;  
all passed through the sea;  
all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;  
all ate the same spiritual food,  
and all drank the same spiritual drink.

For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them,  
and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of our ancestors,  
and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us,  
so that we might not desire evil as they did.

And do not complain as some of them did,  
and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to our ancestors to serve as an example,  
and they were written down to instruct us,  
on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing,  
watch out that you do not fall.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:17 (Year C)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **Gospel**

Luke 13:1-9 (Year C)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus was teaching the crowds;  
some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans  
whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Jesus asked them,

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way  
they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

No, I tell you;

but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed

when the tower of Siloam fell on them-

do you think that they were worse offenders  
than all the others living in Jerusalem?

No, I tell you;

but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then Jesus told this parable:

"A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard;  
and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener, 'See here!

For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,  
and still I find none.

Cut it down!

Why should it be wasting the soil?'

The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year,  
until I dig around it and put manure on it.

If it bears fruit next year, well and good;  
but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**