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## Third Sunday of Lent



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*‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’*

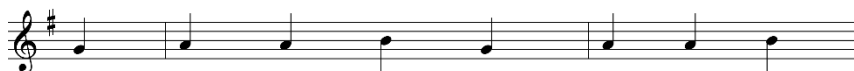
Luke 13:9

## GATHERING

### *Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*



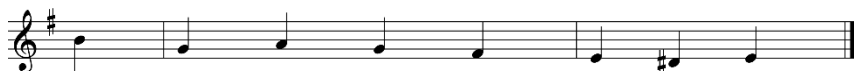
1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,
2. The law and proph - ets from of old
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
Our God while end - less a - ges run,



These for - ty days that, year by year,  
Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,  
Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



Bid con - trite hearts to Christ draw near.  
In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

Text: *Ex more docti mystico*; ascr. to St. Gregory the Great, c.540–604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b.1949, after John M. Neale, 1818–1866, © 1975, 2011  
Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

## PENITENTIAL RITE

### *Confiteor*

**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, All strike their breastbones once with their right hand through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; 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

### *Mass of Joy and Peace*

Tony Alonso

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie Eleison*

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# Liturgy of the Word

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## FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

The Word of the Lord    **℟**    **Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103

Setting by Paul Tate

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful. The  
Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

## SECOND READING

I Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them 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 a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

*The Word of the Lord*    **℟️ Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Martyr Haugen

*Gather No. 195*



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end-less glo-ry!

## GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

*The Gospel of the Lord*    **℟️ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *[all bow]* and *by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

℞ Lord, hear our prayer



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# Liturgy of the Eucharist

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## OFFERTORY *O God You Search Me and You Know Me* **Gather, No. 581**



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have  
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I  
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with  
known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the  
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry  
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the  
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.  
dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.  
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Based on Psalm 139; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
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Priest: Pray... acceptable to the almighty Father.

People: **✠ 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 holy church.**

Priest:  
The Lord be with you  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People:  
✠ **And with your spirit.**  
✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
✠ **It is right and just.**

**HOLY** *Mass of Creation* Martyr Haugen

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Music: *Mass of Creation*, Martyr Haugen, © 1984, 1985, 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-ri-ec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

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## GREAT AMEN

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

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

The musical notation for 'GREAT AMEN' is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' repeated twice.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SIGN OF PEACE

### LAMB OF GOD

*Cantor:* Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the

*To repeat*  
world, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*  
world, grant us peace.

The musical notation for 'LAMB OF GOD' is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and Assembly, with a 3/4 time signature. The second staff is for the 'To repeat' section, with a 4/4 time signature. The third staff is for the 'Last time' section, with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' and 'world, grant us peace.'

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold.... of the Lamb.

**℟ Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**





**COMMUNION***Take and Eat This Bread***Gather, No. 928**

## Refrain



Take and eat this bread. Take and drink this cup.



This is my bod - y and my blood.



When you eat this bread, when you drink this cup,



you live in me and I in you.

## Verses



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is the bread   | come down from heav-en; |
| 2. Gath-ered as one    | a-round one ta-ble,     |
| 3. With-in our hands   | we hold the mys-t'ry,   |
| 4. Come all who thirst | for life e-ter-nal,     |



D.C.

this is the cup of our sal - va - tion.  
 sent forth to wit-ness to sal - va - tion.  
 dy - ing and ris - ing to sal - va - tion.  
 come to the ta - ble of sal - va - tion.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958  
 Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958  
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**CONCLUDING RITES****✠ Thanks be to God****PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

# SENDING FORTH

*Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted*

**BLUE Gather, No.632**



1. Fa - ther, we thank you, who have plant - ed  
2. Watch o'er your Church, O Lord, in mer - cy,



Your ho - ly name with - in our hearts.  
Save it from e - vil, guard it still;



Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal  
Per - fect it in your love, u - nite it,



Je - sus your Son to us im - parts.  
Cleansed and con - formed un - to your will.



Lord, you have made all for your pleas - ure,  
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



And giv'n us food for all our days,  
Was in this bro - ken bread made one,



Giv - ing in Christ the bread e - ter - nal;  
So from all lands your Church be gath - ered



Yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
In - to your king - dom by your Son.

Text: From the *Didache*, c.110; tr. by F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt., © 1940, The Church Pension Fund  
Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

## POSTLUDE

*Randy Moore*



# LENT

Prayer | Penitence | Almsgiving | Self-Denial



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