Morning Prayer for The Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2020  
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Opening Sentence  
Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Joel 2:13

The Invitatory and Psalter  
Versicle: Lord, open our lips.  
Response: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Venite  Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, *  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 93

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.  
2 He has made the whole world so sure *  
that it cannot be moved;  
3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mmightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from Romans 8:1-10

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * 
he has come to his people and set them free. 
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * 
born of the house of his servant David. 
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, 
that he would save us from our enemies, * 
from the hands of all who hate us. 
He promised to show mercy to our fathers * 
and to remember his holy covenant. 
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The 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 the Father. 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

V: The Lord be with you.
R: And also with you.
Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Putting our trust in the Lord, let us pray, saying have mercy on us

For this community, the nation, and the world
For those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
For those who are ill and for health care workers
For officials making decisions about public health
For all those who are responsible for organizations in this confusing time
For those who are anxious or isolated

Give clarity and wisdom to all leaders, and send comfort to all who wander in the wilderness of uncertainty and need

O Lord, we put our trust in you,
*have mercy on us.*

For those who serve our country, particularly Christine, Logan, Wade, and Tres (trace), for their families, and for the safe return of those far from home.

O Lord, we put our trust in you,
*have mercy on us.*

For those who endure illness and look for hope
For Elise, Gary, Kathy, Diane, Benjamin, Bob, Fred, Barbara, Kenneth, Anna, Chuck, Gwendolyn, Maury, Katie, Janet, Maria, Ed and Kristen, Christine, and all those who have been commended to our prayers
For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS
For those struggling with addiction and those in recovery
For caregivers
For those whom we now name (*add your own names here*)
Pour your love into their hearts, and give them your peace

O Lord, we put our trust in you,
*have mercy on us.*

For those who have died
For Scott Stansfield and Eddie
For those in whose memory altar flowers are given today:
Floyd and Dorothy Ryel, Ruth Ryel, Richard Dorman,
Elizabeth Rumsey, Bruce McWilliams, Mary and Jules Labarthe, and Harriet Labarthe
For victims of gun violence
For all who mourn
For those whom we now remember (*brief pause*)

Savior of the world, bring them to eternal life

O Lord, we put our trust in you,
*have mercy on us.*
Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Poor and the Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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