

## The Liturgy of the Word

For those unable to be present at the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass

For March 22, the Third Sunday in Lent



When prayed by more than one person, the leader takes the parts designated with “**V**” and everyone else responds with the parts designated with “**R**.”

Begin with the following:

**The Introit:** *Ps. 25:15-16 Oculi mei*

**V** Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net:  
**R** look thou upon me and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery. *Ps. 25:1-2*  
**V** Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, in thee have I trusted: **R** let me not be confounded.

**V** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: **R** as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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**R** look thou upon me and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery.

Then is said:

Kyrie eleison. (x3)

Christe eleison. (x3)

Kyrie eleison. (x3)

### The Collect(s) of the Day

Ÿ O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞ And let my cry come unto thee.

Ÿ Let us pray.

We beseech thee, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants: and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

Ÿ Let us pray.

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Augustine, and of all the Saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety; that all adversity and error being done away, thy Church may serve thee in untroubled freedom.

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made us of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

℞ Amen.

## The Epistle: *Ephesians 5:1-4*

**Lector:** The Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians.

Brethren: Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

**R** Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual: *Ps 9:20, 4*

**V** Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: **R** let the heathen be judged in thy sight. **V** While mine enemies are driven back: **R** they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

## The Tract: *Ps 123:1-3*

**V** Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their master; And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; **R** Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us. **V** Have mercy upon us, O Lord: **R** have mercy upon us.

## The Gospel: *Luke 11:14-28*

**V** The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

✠ At that time: Jesus was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and house divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

℟ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Here, a Meditation From the Fathers may be read. We continue with

### The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed

✠ I believe in one God...

℟ The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose Kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### Concluding Prayers

☩ O Lord, hear my prayer.

☩ And let my cry come unto thee.

☩ Let us pray.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon our Father and Metropolitan JOSEPH and our Vicar Bishop JOHN, and grant unto them the spirit of prayer, of discernment, and of truth; and do thou grant that we may bow humbly and confidently beneath their guidance, neither stopping short of, nor venturing beyond the boundaries they have set for us.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon the brethren of the Parish of Saint Augustine and upon all whom you may call to serve you here; as also upon thy whole Orthodox

Catholic Church. Grant that, by thy tender mercy, we may find salvation through the holy faith that we have embraced for love of thee, who first loved us.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon my all who are dear to us; remember all who have asked our prayers, especially [Names for special remembrance], and have mercy upon them according to their several needs: Through our unworthy prayers guard, protect, and bless them all; and grant that we may always, in word and in deed, present them a godly example of faith, hope, and love.

Remember, O Lord, the souls of thy servants and all those who have departed this life, especially [Names for special remembrance], and grant them forgiveness of their sins and participation in thy good things unto the ages of ages.

Remember us also, O Lord, thy lowly, sinful, and unworthy servants, and hear our humble prayers: Enlighten our minds with the light of thy knowledge, and guide us in the way of thy commandments; through the intercessions of the Blessed and Ever-Virgin Mary, of our holy Patron Augustine, and of all thy saints, for thou art a merciful God, who lovest mankind, and to thee we ascribe glory, honor, and worship: now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

℞ Amen.

℣ Let us pray.

℞ I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners; and that thou art truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of thine Immaculate Body and thy Precious Blood: and I long to receive thee in that most wondrous Sacrament. Come, therefore, O holy Lord Jesus, Living Bread from heaven! By the working of thine All-holy Spirit, unworthy though I am, dwell thou spiritually in my heart: that I may receive thee there in union with thy priests and people gathered at thy holy Altar. Amen.

℣ Now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we presume to say  
Our Father....

℞ who art in heaven...but deliver us from evil. Amen.

℣ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all, evermore.

℞ Amen.