

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Third Sunday of Lent
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
23 March 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: We Cry Out (Johnson)

V.1 Oh Lord, we cry out, we've been lost.
We need Your mercies oh God.
We repent, for our ways,
and we turn to You again

Chorus:

Oh God, we cry out, for Your mercy.
Oh God, we cry out, for Your grace.
Oh God, we cry out, set us free.
Oh God, we cry out, once again.

V. 2 Oh Lord, we cry out,
we've been lost.

Change our hearts to Yours, oh God.

We repent, for our sin,
and we turn to You again

Chorus:

Oh God, we cry out, for Your mercy.

Oh God, we cry out, for Your grace.

Oh God, we cry out, set us free.

Oh God, we cry out, once again,

once again!

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the way that leads to eternal life:

Lord have mercy,

All: *Lord have mercy!*

Cantor: Christ Jesus, you are the truth that shows us the way:

Christ have mercy,

All: *Christ have mercy!*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the life that becomes our life now and forever:

Lord have mercy,

All: *Lord have mercy!*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 – Psalm 51

Be Merciful O Lord - (Angrisano)

(Common Psalm for Lent)

Be merciful O Lord.

**Have mercy on us,
for we have sinned.**

**We come before you,
cleanse us from within.**

Have mercy on us Lord!

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Second Reading: 1 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 Greeting: Thy Word

(Grant/Smith)

**Thy Word, is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light, unto, my path!**

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way.
Still You're there
Right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
You are near me till the end!

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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

No repeat of the refrain outside Ordinary Time - Please be seated.

Homily

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
 (all bow during the next two lines)
 who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day,
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come
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.

Universal Prayer

**Response: “Have mercy on us and on
the whole world.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: 10,000

Reasons (Bless The Lord) (Myrin/Redman)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul,

O - O - O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

V.1 The sun comes up

it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening

comes! (**Chorus**)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O - O - O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

V.2 You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O - O - O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

V.3 And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore.

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O - O - O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name!

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – When We Eat – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Agnus Dei (Honore)

Communion Song 1 – Redeemed
(Cowart | Weaver)

V.1 Seems like

all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this pris'ner
and say to me, son
Stop fighting a fight
that's already been won

Chorus:

I am redeemed! You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

V.2 All my
life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice
of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper
child lift up your head
I remember O God
You're not done with me yet

Chorus:

I am redeemed!
You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

Ending:

O God I'm not who I used to be
Jesus I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed
Thank God redeemed!

Benji Cowart | Michael Weaver

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Communion Song 2 –
This Is Amazing Grace (Riddle)

V. 1 Who breaks the power,
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty,
and so much stronger
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings!

V. 2 Who shakes the whole earth,
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless,
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings!

Chorus:

This is amazing grace!
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life,
That I would be set free!
Oh, Jesus I sing for,
all that You've done for me!

V. 3 Who brings our chaos
back into order
Who makes the orphan,
a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

V. 4 Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in,
all of its brilliance
The King of Glory,
the King above all kings

Chorus:

This is amazing grace!
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life,
That I would be set free!
Oh, Jesus I sing for,
all that You've done for me!

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King
who conquers the grave!

(Repeat then chorus)

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CONCLUDING RITE

***Sending Forth Song – Your Grace Is Enough* (Maher)**

V.1 Great is Your faithfulness

O God of Jacob

You wrestle with the sinner's
restless heart

You lead us by still waters
into mercy

Where nothing can keep us apart!

Pre-Chorus:

(So) remember, Your people

Remember, Your children

Remember, Your promise O God

Chorus:

(For) Your grace is enough!

Yeah, Your grace is enough!

Yeah, Your grace is enough!

Yeah, Your grace is enough, for me!

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