



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City  
Morning Prayer, Rite II  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 7, 2021

## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 487 vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.
- 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

## Opening Antiphon

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)*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
 eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

**Antiphon** (*Together*)

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Invitatory Psalm** (*Together*)

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
 serve the Lord with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
 he himself has made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
 go into his courts with praise; \*  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
 his mercy is everlasting; \*  
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **The Psalm Appointed** (Sung, *Together*)

### **Psalm 19**

*Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
 and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
 and revives the soul; \*  
 the testimony of the LORD is sure  
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
 and rejoice the heart; \*  
 the commandment of the LORD is clear  
 and gives light to the eyes.

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* Thanks be to God.

## ***Responsory Cantic***

### **14 A Song of Penitence**

*Kyrie Pantokrator, S237*

#### *Antiphon*

Your merciful promise is beyond all measure;  
it surpasses all that our mind can fathom.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
 with all their vast array.  
 All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
 they tremble because of your power.  
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
 O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
 You hold back your hand; \*  
 you do not punish as we deserve.  
 In your great goodness, Lord,  
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
 and I know my wickedness only too well.  
 Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
 Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
 nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
 in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?  
 Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of  
 God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the

foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* Thanks be to God.

## ***Responsory Canticle***

### **10 The Second Song of Isaiah**

*Quaerite Dominum, S222*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
 call upon him when he draws near.  
 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
 and the evil ones their thoughts;  
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
 so are my ways higher than your ways,  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
 and return not again, but water the earth,  
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
 it will not return to me empty;  
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

### **Piano Interlude**

Antonio Ortega, Christ Church Organist

*Have mercy on me, oh Lord God, Op. 13*

*Benjamin Righetti*

## **The Gospel: John 2:13-22**

*All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## **Sermon – The Rev. Susan Dennen de Rodríguez**

### **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**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
     hallowed be thy Name,  
     thy kingdom come,  
     thy will be done,  
         on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
     as we forgive those  
         who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
     and the power, and the glory,  
     for ever and ever. Amen.

**Suffrages B** (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.98.)

V(erse). Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R(esp(onse)). Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

**Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent**

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.*

**Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: in this holy season of Lent, we remember our Lord's forty days in the wilderness as we ourselves are called to penitence, self-denial, and especially to prayer. Let us therefore lift our hearts to God in faith, responding to each petition in the words: *Lord have mercy.*

For ourselves, that our eyes may be opened to your presence in the world around us, and that we may speak your word with conviction, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For the leaders of the church universal, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, clergy in this parish, and our seminarians, Adrián and Antonio, that they may preach the Gospel with boldness, and lead your people in the ways of service, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may stand firm in your word, with hearts focused upon fulfilling your will with confidence, humility, and love, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, that through their work they may promote justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For peace among the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world, that strife and violence may come to an end, and that in places of suspicion, anxiety, and hatred, a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For the poor and the needy, for those who are persecuted, oppressed, refugees, victims of Covid-19 in any way, and for those in despair, that they may be freed from their affliction to serve you in faithfulness of heart, we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord have mercy.*

For those who are sick or distressed in body, mind, or spirit, especially: Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Ned, Susie, Tammy, Jeanne, Raquel, Jeremy, Fr. Germán, Olivia, Lorraine, Humberto and Tina Ortiz, that they may be granted relief, protection, and hope, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For the blessings that enrich our lives, we give you thanks especially for: medical workers and all essential workers, for medicine, and vaccines. We also remember those who celebrate birthdays: Edna, Jennifer, Alexandra, Juan Ernesto, and Juan Manuel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For those who have died, and for all those whose faith is known to you alone, especially: Jim Baudouin, Janet, Maureen, David, John, Jerry, Sam, Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up ourselves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

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)*

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Louis Schumacher.**

### **Birthdays this week:**

Edna Baitenmann (7), Jennifer Baxter (8), Alexandra Elkman Rooda (9),  
Juan Ernesto Villegas (11), José Manuel Gutiérrez (12).

**Please e-mail any special petitions** for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:  
[office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)

**When you pay your pledge** or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at [accounts@christchurch.mx](mailto:accounts@christchurch.mx) or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

**Cuando pague su promesa** o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail [accounts@christchurch.mx](mailto:accounts@christchurch.mx) o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

### **Help Update Our Parish Directory**

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx)(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

### **Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia**

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo [office@christchurch.mx](mailto:office@christchurch.mx) o

comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

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Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music), and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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