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The Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi)

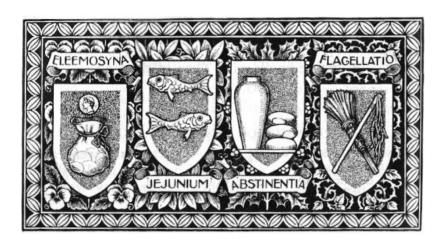
Sunday, March 23, 2025 ■ 9AM

The First Scruting

The Scrutinies are celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent as an important part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. These are rites for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose for those adults (The Elect) who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Lectionary readings for Cycle A are always used with the Scrutinies, even during Cycles B and C.

This year, the First Scrutiny is celebrated March 23rd at the 9AM Mass. The Second Scrutiny takes place March 30th at the 11AM Mass, and the Third Scrutiny is on March 6th at the 5:30PM Evening Mass.

The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated to deliver the elect from the power of sin; to protect them against temptation; and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Our entire community is called to journey alongside those who seek to join the Catholic Church.



Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV 642

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Oculi mei semper ad Dominum

Mode VII

OCULI mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego.

Ps. Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam.

My eyes are ever turned towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me for I am alone and poor.

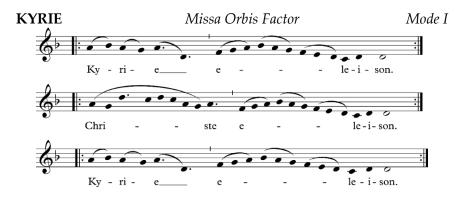
Ps. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION



PENITENTIAL ACT

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, [striking the breast] 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.



EITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"



SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

BROTHERS and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for usin that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Richard Rice



GOSPEL John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his

children and his flocks?" Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

HOMILY

THE FIRST SCRUTINY

DISMISSAL OF THE CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

First sung by the Cantor, then by all:



Go now in peace, go now in peace, Christ will be your way, your truth, your life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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

EITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

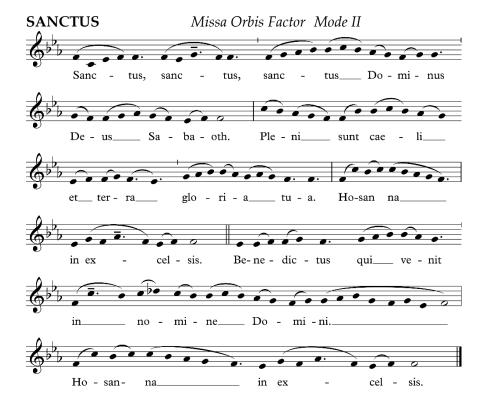
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

ANTHEM "Like as the Hart"

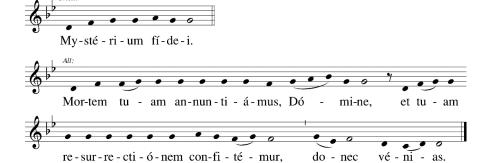
Noel Rawsthorne

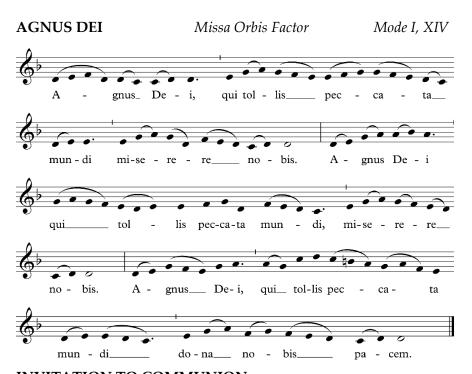
(1929-2019)

Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsts for the living God, yea even he that shall keep my soul. My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Passer invenit

Mode I

Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in sæculum sæculi laudabent te.

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

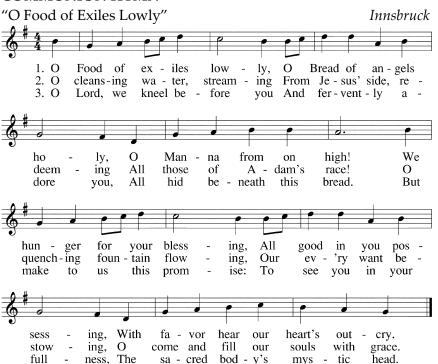
COMMUNION MOTET

By Christ Redeemed Austin C. Lovelace

(1919-2010)

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored, We keep the memory adored, And show the death of our dear Lord, Until He come. His body broken in our stead Is here in this memorial bread, And so our feeble Until He come. The drops of His dread agony, His life-blood shed for us, we see; The wine shall tell the mystery Until He come. O blessed hope! with this elate; Let not our heart be desolate, But, strong in faith, in patience wait Until He come.

COMMUNION HYMN



CONCLUDING RITES

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

Amen.

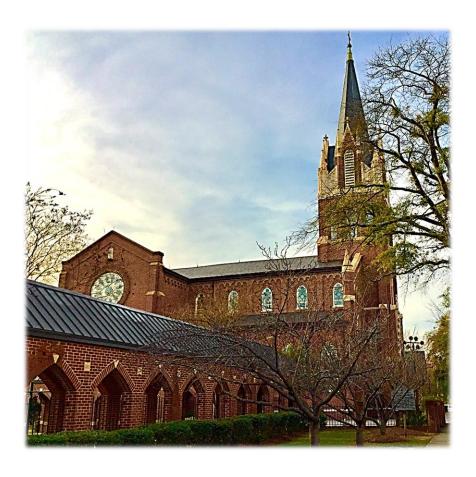




FINAL VERSET

Tierce en Taille

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)



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