

**February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Opening Song: Hosea (“Come Back to Me”) (Norbet) ... BB665**

Vs. 1: Come back to me with all your heart,  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;  
So must we to others' call.

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming  
Home to me and living  
deeply our new life.

Vs. 2: The wilderness will lead you  
To your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice  
With tenderness you shall know.

Vs. 3: You shall sleep secure with peace;  
Faithfulness will be your joy.

**Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)**

**First Reading**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Most High God formed woman and man of dust from the ground, and breathed into their nostrils the breath of life; and they became living beings.

Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there God placed the man and woman formed by God's own hands.

Out of the ground the Most High made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that God had made. The serpent said to them, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?"

They said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to them, "You will not die. God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when they saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and the tree was to be desired to make one wise, they took of its fruit and ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### **The Word of our God.**

### **Responsorial : Lord, Forgive the Wrong I Have Done (Cooney) ... H/O**

Refrain:

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

(V1) Happy is he whose sin is forgiven, whose fault is taken away.

Happy is she whom God shall find of an innocent heart, in whose soul there is no guile.

(V2) I kept my sin held deep in my soul, and my frame was wasted away.

Night and day was your hand a weight upon my heart: I was weak, wracked with fever and alone.

(V3) Then I acknowledged the pain of my sin, and my guilt I covered not.

I said I confess my fault upon you, and you took away the guilt of my sin.

(V4) O be glad in our God exult you just;

Rejoice all you upright of heart.

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Sisters and brothers:

Through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all people, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.

But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam and Eve, who are the types of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of

the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the Adam and Eve the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one Christ, the many will be made righteous.

The Good News of salvation.

### **The Word of our God.**

#### *Gospel Acclamation*

#### **Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB900 & H/O**

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)

*“One does not live on bread alone; one does not live on bread alone; but on every word that comes from the mouth of God; from the mouth of God.”*

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ. (2 times)

#### *Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply,

"It is written:

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God ."  
Then the devil took him to the holy city,  
and made him stand on the parapet of the temple,  
and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.  
For it is written:  
He will command his angels concerning you  
and with their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone ."  
Jesus answered him,  
"Again it is written,  
You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test ."  
Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain,  
and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence,  
and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you,  
if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."  
At this, Jesus said to him,  
"Get away, Satan!  
It is written:  
The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."  
Then the devil left him and, behold,  
angels came and ministered to him.

### **The Good News of Salvation.**

#### *Homily*

### **Universal Intercessions**

#### **Response: God of justice, hear our prayer.**

(God of justice, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that the Spirit will deepen our identity as daughters and sons of God and help us to faithfully live each day as disciples committed to the social teachings of the church, let us pray...

For all who struggle with attractions to wealth, power, and control: that God will free their hearts and guide them to a life of faith and trust, let us pray...

For civil leaders, may the Holy Spirit offer wisdom and inspire them as they seek ways to eliminate senseless violence in our communities, let us pray...

For people throughout the world who live with the reality of crime, trauma, and barbarous actions, may God offer them safety, strength, and consolation, let us pray...

For those injured and killed in the shooting at Michigan State University and in other acts of violence, may God guide the hands of the doctors and caregivers in bringing them and their families comfort and healing, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

(after the intentions and Fr. Jack's prayer, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### *Preparation of Gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

### *Preparation of Gifts: Remember Your Love (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... BB661*

**Refrain:** Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.

Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life and my refuge; when I call God hears.

2. If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?

But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.  
My heart cries out for Your presence; it is You I seek.

4. As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.  
I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word.

5. Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,  
Even then, O Lord, You were our refuge throughout ev'ry age.

***Service Music:***

**Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB917**

**Mem: Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman)**

**Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB921**

**Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo) H/O**

***Communion I: As We Gather At Your Table (trad.) ... BB315***

**As We Gather at your Table**

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table  
As we listen to Your word  
Help us know O God Your presence  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Till we claim it as our own  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life  
Send us forth to love and serve You  
Bringing peace where there is strife  
Give us Christ Your great compassion  
To forgive as You forgave  
May we still behold Your image  
In the world You died to save

Verse 3

Gracious Spirit help us  
Summon other guests  
To share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least  
There no more will envy  
Blind us nor will pride  
Our peace destroy  
As we join with saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy

### ***Communion 2: Gracious God (Manibusan) ... BB135***

Verse 1:

Lead us, Lord, into the des - ert;  
Lead us through the wil-der-ness.  
Through this journey we will fol - low,  
For we long to see your faceRefrain:

Gra-cious God,   mercy is your name.  
Re-deem-ing love, you give your life away.  
Gra-cious God,   we bless your ho-ly name.  
Re-ceiv-ing love,   we give our lives away

Verse 2:

In this time of sacred struggle,  
In this time of sacrifice,  
We rejoice, for we remem-ber  
That you lead us into life.

Verse 3:

Lord, we hunger for your pre-sence;  
Lord, we're thirsting for your grace.  
When consuming all but you, Lord  
All we gain is emptiness

Verse 4:

Teach us, Lord, who is your neigh-bor  
Is it friend, or enemy?  
When we welcome or con-demn them,  
Is it you, O let us see  
Gra-cious God,   we bless your ho-ly name.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

Go in peace,  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Sending: In These Days of Lenten Journey (Manalo) (V1) ... BB129***

**In these days of Lenten journey**

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey  
we have seen and we have heard  
the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,  
to those who live without warmth.  
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;  
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.