

SECRET

GRANT, O Lord, we pray thee, that this oblation may in such wise cleanse us from all our sins: that we thy servants, being sanctified both in body and soul, may worthily offer unto thee this our sacrifice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

COMMUNION

Psalm 84

THE sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God: blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

POSTCOMMUNION

OLORD, who sufferest us to be partakers of thy wondrous mysteries: grant, we beseech thee; that by thy mercy we may be absolved from all our iniquities, and defended against all adversities. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Third Sunday in Lent



Jesus casts out an unclean spirit. Whereupon a woman, lifting up her voice, cries: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee.

INTROIT

Oculi mei (Psalm 25)

MINE eyes are ever looking unto the Lord, For he shall pluck my feet out of the net: Look thou upon me, and have mercy upon me:
For I am desolate and in misery.
Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen
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THE COLLECT

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.

COLLECT 2 of Ash Wednesday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy perfect remission and forgiveness. 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 5.1-14

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 savour. 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 reprov'd 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.

GRADUAL AND TRACT

(Psalm 9)

UP, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: Let the heathen be judged in thy sight. While mine enemies are driven back, They shall fall and perish at thy presence.

(Psalm 123)

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 masters. And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: Have mercy upon us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11.14-28

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 a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. 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 armour 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.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 19

THE statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb: moreover by them is thy servant taught.