

Hymns for March 20, 2022 The Third Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn: CP 629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me—
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Gradual Hymn: CP 607
Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return.
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.

His voice commands the tempest forth
and stills the stormy wave;
and though his arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.

Long hath the night of sorrow reigned;
the dawn shall bring us light.
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight.

Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him, and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice.

As dew upon the tender herb
diffusing fragrance round,
as showers that usher in the spring
and cheer the thirsty ground,

so shall his presence bless our souls
and shed a joyful light.
That hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

Offertory Hymn: CP 613
We Lay Our Broken World

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war, and fear,
oppressed by power and hate,

where human life seems less
than profit, might and pride:
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken hopes
for lives of dignity;
workless and overworked you love,
and call us to be free.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

Come fill us, Fire of God,
our life and strength renew;
find in us love and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.

**Hymn during Communion:
MS 128 Only This I Want**

Refrain: Only this I want:
but to know the Lord
and to bear his cross,
so to wear the crown he wore.

All but this is loss,
worthless refuse to me
for to gain the Lord
is to gain all I need. *[Refrain]*

I will run the race;
I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize
of the kingdom of the Lord. *[Refrain]*

Let your hearts be glad,
always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars
in the darkness of the night. *[Refrain]*

**Closing Hymn: CP 556
O for a Closer Walk with God**

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.