

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

OPENING HYMN

PSALM 103: LOVING AND FORGIVING

Scott Soper

Refrain



Lov-ing and for - giv - ing are you, O Lord; slow to an - ger,
rich in kind - ness, lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you.

Verses



1. All my be - ing, bless the Lord, _____ bless the ho - ly
2. God for - gives us all our sins, _____ heal - ing those who
3. Good and gra - cious is the Lord, _____ slow to an - ger,
4. As heav - en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of
1. name of God. _____ All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -
2. live in pain, _____ sav - ing us from fi - nal death. God
3. rich in love. _____ God re - mem - bers not our sins; for -
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the
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1. mem - b'ring the good - ness of God.
2. fills us with good - ness and love.
3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God.
4. Lord takes our sins _____ from us.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

☩ In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ☩ Amen.

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

☩ Lord, have mercy. ☩ Lord, have mercy. ☩ Christ, have mercy. ☩ Christ, have mercy.

☩ Lord, have mercy. ☩ Lord, have mercy.


LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, You Have the Words

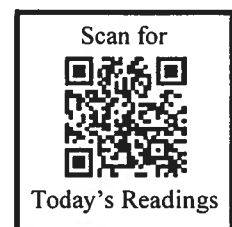
Psalm 19 Psalm I for Ordinary Time David Haas



Lord, you have the words _____ of ev - er - last - ing life.

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SECOND READING



LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Glory
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GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Following each petition

℣ We pray to the Lord. ℞ Lord, hear our prayer.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND ALTAR

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 for ever.**

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 for ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℣ Pray, 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.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

℣ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with your spirit.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℞ We lift them up to the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞ It is right and just.

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt coe-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a.
Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis.

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion
you have set us free.

DOXOLOGY

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

℣ *Deliver us, Lord, we pray from every evil... As we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

℟ **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

THE PEACE

℣ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟ And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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ECCE AGNUS DEI

℣ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

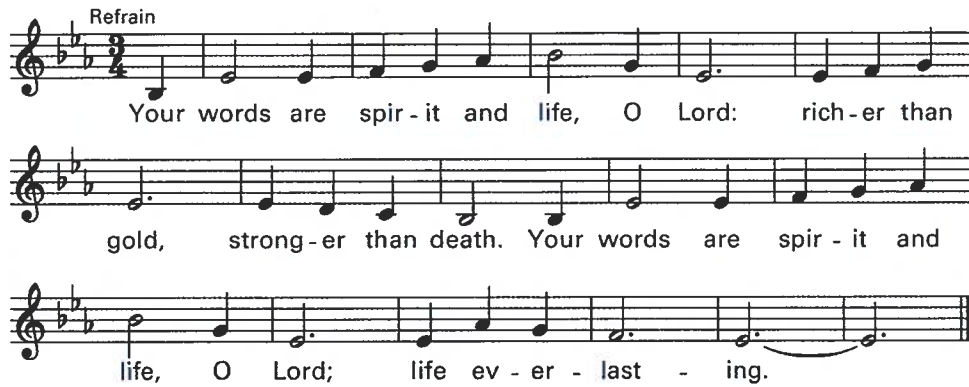
℟ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)

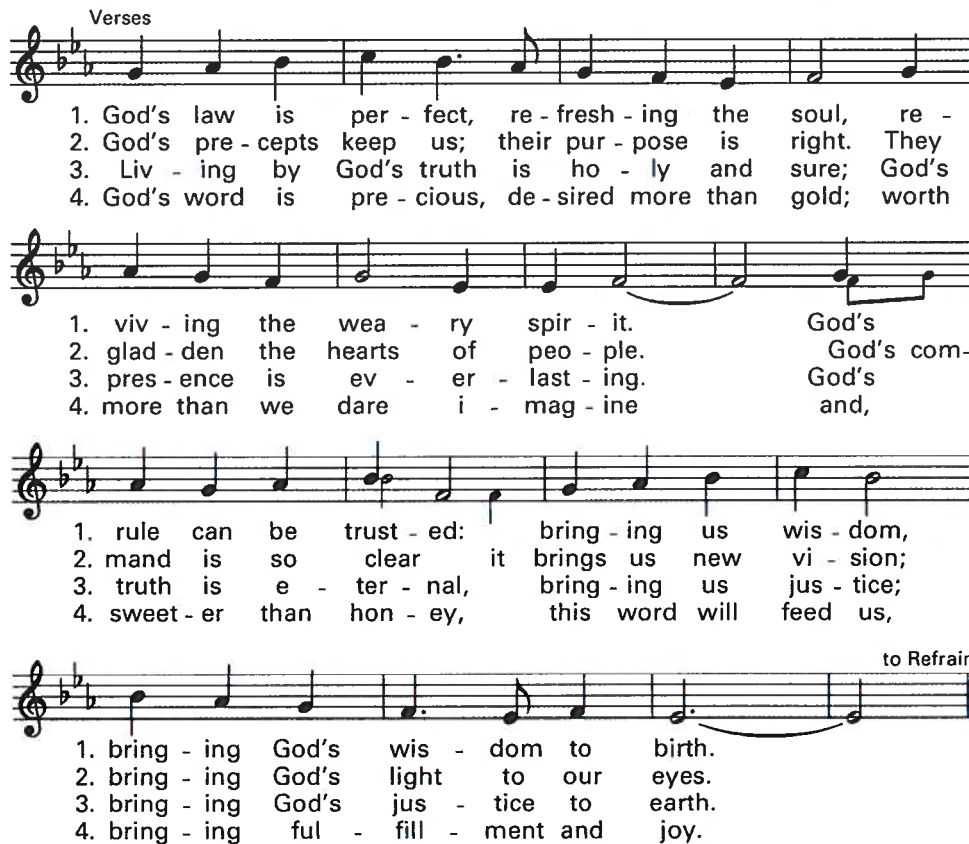
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Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses



1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,
2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

to Refrain

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ **And with your spirit.**

☩ May almighty God bless you, the Father, ☩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ☩ Amen.

☩ Go in peace.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael, the Archangel, | defend us in battle. | Be our safeguard against the wickedness | and snares of the devil. | May God rebuke him, | we humbly pray. | And you, | O prince of the heavenly hosts, | by the power of God, | cast down to hell Satan | and the other evil spirits | who prowl through the world | for the ruin of souls. | Amen.

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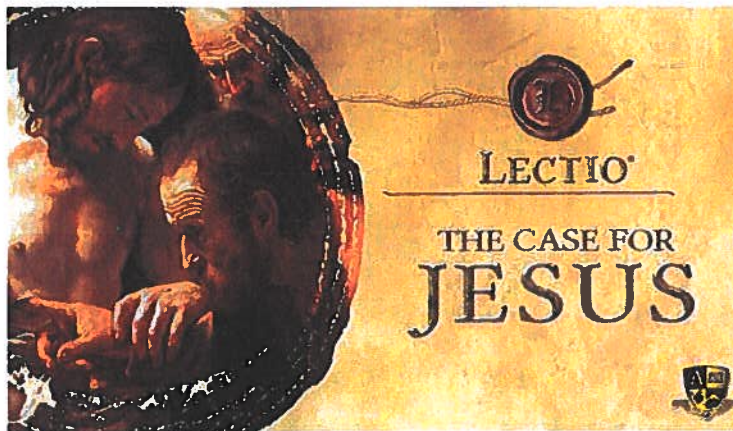
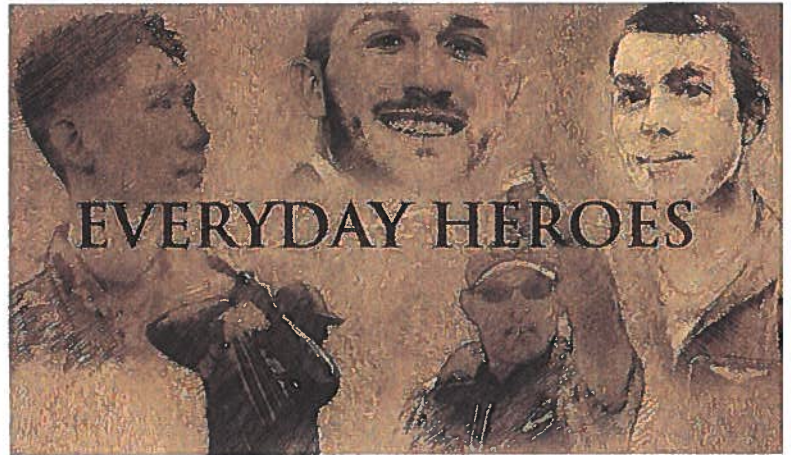
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Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

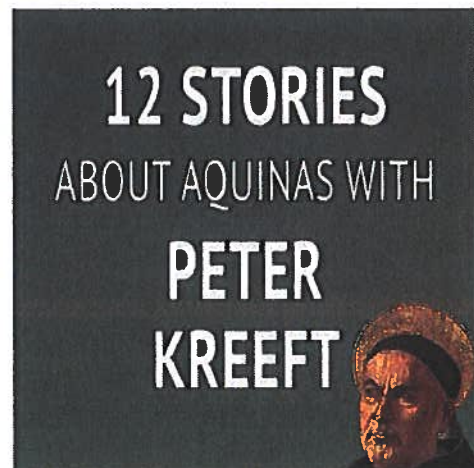
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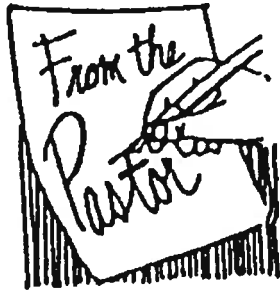
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Dear Friends:

From time to time as your Pastor, I need to keep you posted on important matters affecting our parish and its ongoing life. Unfortunately, most of these communications have to do with money and this one is no different.

This past year, thanks to a kind bequest and generous donations to the Preservation Fund, we were able to tackle nearly \$400,000 in conservation of the exterior of the church. We had to postpone another \$130,000 repair project to the church tower louvers which require some serious work to make them waterproof and thus prevent future spalling and deterioration of the facade stone work. That effort will begin once winter weather abates.

However, while the Preservation Society and kind donors have made it possible to undertake that work, a more serious issue is the decline in Sunday Offerings due to the pandemic and a sad tendency of many to "vote with their wallet" when they are dissatisfied with some diocesan or church policy, practice or change. As we can all see from the weekly reports, we are well behind the budget and at this time our managers and advisors cannot see any significant change which would enhance offerings. Ministerial efforts must be tailored back, thus restricting plans which should redound to the good of the very people who can't make a regular Sunday offering because of layoffs, terminations and lock downs, or who withhold an offering for some other reason. Maintenance of the property beyond the church must also be postponed or canceled. This will eventually mean higher costs when things improve. For these reasons, please consider what you can do to help.

One of the valued programs which must undergo a serious change this year is the St. Patrick's Day Open House. Yes, we will attempt to have the celebration, arranged according to the most current directives from the Health Department. It is our fervent hope that it will be at the house but the pandemic may require us to stage the brunch in the back of the church to assure proper social distancing. Although not our preference, we successfully did that for the annual Christmas brunch. The location will depend on where we are with the coronavirus.

In the past the brunch has been underwritten by the Parish Ministry budget. However, shortfalls require that we cannot do that this year. As a result, when you come to the Open House you'll find donation baskets around the house or church and I'm asking that everyone consider a suggested donation of \$10 to defray the costs involved with the event. I hope those who could offer more would do so to allow those who cannot otherwise afford even that much to be part of our annual celebration. Hopefully as the pandemic recedes and the economy takes off, we will be able to return to "normal" next year but please help us make this year's celebration truly festive.

May St. Patrick intercede to bring you many blessings.

Msgr. Chris Vasko

