

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
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## Gospel

**Jn. 2:13-22**

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2021



### Sentence

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20.1

### Prayer of the day

Lord our God,  
by your Holy Spirit  
write your commandments upon our hearts  
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,  
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,  
we may become a living temple of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**First Reading****Ex. 20:1-17****A reading from the book of Exodus**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Psalm 19 — A.P.B.A. Page 239**

- 1 The heavens declare the | glory . of | God:  
and the | firmament . proc | laims his | handiwork.
- 2 One day | tells it . to an | other:  
and night to | night com | muni . cates | knowledge.
- 3 There is no | speech or | language:  
nor | are their | voices | heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through | all the | world:  
and their | words . to the | ends . of the | earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a | tent . for the | sun:  
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,  
and rejoices like a | strong . man to | run his | course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to their | farthest | bound:

- 7 and nothing is | hidden | from its | heat.  
The law of the Lord is perfect, re | viving the | soul:  
the command of the Lord is true, | >  
and makes | wise the | simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and re | joice the | heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, | >  
and gives | light . to the | eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and en | dures for | ever:  
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,  
and | righteous | every | one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even | much fine | gold:  
sweeter also than honey,  
than the | honey . that | drips . from the | comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your | servant | taught:  
and in keeping them | there is | great re | ward.
- 12 Who can know their own un | witting | sins?:  
O cleanse me | from my | secret | faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the | master . y | over me:  
so I shall be clean and | innocent . of | great of | fence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable | in your | sight:  
O Lord, my | strength and | my re | deemer.

**Second Reading****1 Cor 1:18-25****A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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