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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



All common prayers and responses can be found in the "Order of Mass" booklets in your pew.

Welcome, families! A nursery with a live video feed is available in the lower church for parents and children who need a break. To find it, exit either of the rear stairwells or ask an usher for help.

Voluntary: Voluntary in D minor for Double Organ

John Lugge

Entrance Hymn 781: "Lord Jesus, think on me"

Southwell

Introit: *Oculi mei*

Psalm 25:14-15, 1

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. (Psalm) Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded. *Gloria Patri*. Mine eyes...

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I." Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Gradual: *Exsurge, Domine*

Psalm 9:19, 3

Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

V. While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Tract: *Ad te levavi*

Psalm 123:1-3

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

V. Behold, even as the eyes of servants: look unto the hand of their masters.

V. And as the eyes of a maiden: unto the hand of her mistress.

V. Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God: until he have mercy upon us.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord: have mercy upon us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Behold, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Offertory Antiphon: *Iustitiae Domini*

Psalm 19:8, 10b-11

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.

Anthem at the Offertory: “Drop, drop, slow tears”

Richard Shephard

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;

to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;

nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

—Phineas Fletcher

Communion Antiphon: *Passer invenit*

Ps. 84:3,4

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 alway praising thee.

Ablutions Hymn 198: “O God, unseen yet ever near”

St. Flavian

Final Hymn 414: “O for a heart to praise my God”

Kilmarnock

Voluntary: Fugue in B minor after Corelli (BWV 579)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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or would like sacramentals blessed, please approach the communion rail after the closing hymn.*