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The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree,
Hans Bol, Adriaen Collaert (1585)

Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2025

Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

Mass Setting

Communion Service in A minor Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Creed: Merbecke

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn

555 *Praise to the Holiest in the height*

Billing

Introit Proper

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. *Ps.* Unto thee, O Lord, to I lift up my soul : my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded. Glory be ... Mine eyes are ever looking ...

Salutation p.2

Kyrie p.2

Collects

O Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all 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 you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

Deus, Deus meus.

- ¹ O God, thou art my God; / early will I seek thee.
- ² My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, / in a barren and dry land, where no water is.
- ³ Thus have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary, / that I might behold thy power and glory.
- ⁴ For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: / my lips shall praise thee.
- ⁵ As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, / and lift up my hands in thy Name.
- ⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; / and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.
- ⁷ When I remember thee upon my bed, / I meditate upon thee in the night-watches;
- ⁸ Because thou hast been my helper; / and under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- ⁹ My soul cleaveth unto thee; / thy right hand upholdeth me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors 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 spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed

by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

546 *O Thou in all thy might so far*

Crowle

Gradual Proper

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.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

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Offertory Proper

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.

Offertory Hymn

517 Lord of our life, and God of our salvation Iste Confessor

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness.
May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in
the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

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Communion Proper

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

Communion Hymn

375 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* **Schmücke Dich**

Ablutions Motet

Lord, let me know mine end Maurice Green (1696-1755)

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

105 *With joy and by the Spirit led* **Morning Hymn**

The Angelus p.19

Organ Postlude

A Fantasy Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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