

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## Sunday 12 March 2023



**Southwell  
Minster**  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### 11.15am Sung Eucharist

**Organ Prelude:** *Petit Canon*, Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

**Setting:** *Communion Service in E*, Harold Darke (1888-1976)

#### LENT PROSE



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinned a - gainst thee.

*Choir* Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

*Choir* To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
Cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
Bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
With true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:  
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:  
Save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

*Words: Latin, 10th century  
from the Mozarabic rite*

*Tune: ATTENDE NEH 507  
Mode v*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND KYRIE ELEISON

### COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

We beseech thee, Almighty God,  
look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the  
right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### FIRST READING *read by Dr Alastair Clarke*

Exodus 17: 1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

GRADUAL *sung by the choir*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of heaven's high paradise,  
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines, whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee.

*Words and music: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)*

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-42

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman

said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

THE NICENE CREED *will be sung to the setting by John Merbecke (page 5 of Service Book)*

SERMON *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion*

I heard the voice of Jesus say (NEH 376)

INTERCESSION

CONFESSION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION

MOTET *sung by the choir during communion*

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is:  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34: 8*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him (NEH 437)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# THE BLESSING

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prélude*

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

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