

THIRD SUNDAY OF SUMMER

Anthem of the Chancel

Offer to him the sacrifices of praise.

We praise you at every hour, O living Sacrifice and Bread of Heaven.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of praise.

We praise you at every hour, O living Sacrifice and Bread of Heaven.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and forever and ever. Amen.

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The Lections

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dugged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

The Shuraya

You have broken down all his hedges; you have demolished his strongholds. *

All that pass by the way have tread upon him; *

He has become the reproach of his neighbors. *

You have exalted the right hand of his foes; *

You have made all his enemies rejoice. *

You have turned back the aid of his sword, *

And you have not upheld him in battle. *

You have destroyed his vindicators, *

And cast his throne down to the ground. *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

From everlasting, and forever and ever. Amen. *

The Apostle

2 Corinthians 7:1-11

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Open your hearts to us; we have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one. I do not say this to condemn you, for I said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. I have great confidence in you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. With all our affliction, I am overjoyed.

For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so

that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it), for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting; for you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

The Zumara

As a hart bellows over the water pond, so too my soul calls out to you, O Lord. *

My soul thirsts for you, the living God. When shall I come and behold your face? *

The Gospel

John 9:1-38

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born

blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If

this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

Anthem of the Mysteries

Text: For a priest such as this is fitting for us, who loved us and gave himself for us.

For you are a priest for ever.

O High Priest of our confession and our Absolver, O Christ who became for us an acceptable and spotless sacrifice, we ask from you the forgiveness of debts when you set up your throne of judgment, for you were persuaded by the sufferings of our nature, in which you suffered and were tested for our salvation.

He had pity upon his land and upon his people.

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Anthem of the Bema

Christ our Savior gave us a gift, this life-giving treasure of his Body and Blood. Let us approach him in awe and in faith, for he is the Minister and Priest, and the same who is offered and consecrated. Hosts of angels sing glory, and cherubim and seraphim sing holy, And unceasingly, in unison, with their voices they offer praise and say, Hallelujah!

Verses:

Cherubim bear his throne: seraphim hallow his honor. And unceasingly, in unison, with their voices they offer praise and say, Hallelujah!