

## THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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### OPTIONAL MASS

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*This Mass may be used on any day of the week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Samaritan woman is not read on the Third Sunday of Lent.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 95 (94): 8*

III

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### Psalm 95 (94): 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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Let us kneel before the *God who made* us,  
for he is our God and we †  
the people who belong to *his pasture*, \*  
the flock that is led *by his hand*.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! †  
“Harden not your hearts as *at Meribah*, \*  
as on that day at Massah *in the desert*  
when your forebears put me to *the test*; \*  
when they tried me, though they *saw my work*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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VIII

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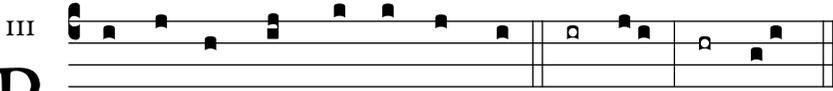
I go and behold the face of God?

Psalm 42 (41): 2-3; Psalm 43 (42): 3, 4

1. Like the deer *that yearns* \*  
     for *running streams*,  
     so my soul *is yearning* \*  
     for *you, my God*.  
     My soul is thirsting *for God*, \*  
     the *living God*;  
     when can I enter and *appear* \*  
     before the *face of God*?
2. O send forth your light and *your truth*; \*  
     they will *guide me on*.  
     They will bring me to your *holy mountain*, \*  
     to the place *where you dwell*.
3. And I will come to the altar *of God*, \*  
     to God, my *joy and gladness*.  
     To you will I give thanks on *the harp*, \*  
     O *God, my God*.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 25 (24): 6a*



**R** E-member your mercies, O Lord.

**Psalm 25 (24): 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9**

1. O LORD, make me know *your ways*. \*  
Teach me *your paths*.  
Guide me in your truth, *and teach me*; \*  
for you are the God of my *salvation*.
  
2. Remember your compassion, O LORD, †  
and your *merciful love*, \*  
for they are from *of old*.  
In your merciful love remember *me*, \*  
because of your goodness, *O LORD*.
  
3. Good and upright is *the LORD*; \*  
he shows the way *to sinners*.  
He guides the humble in *right judgment*; \*  
to the humble he teaches *his way*.



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Cf. Ps 81 (80): 11a and 9a

I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.

Psalm 81 (80): 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17

1. A voice I did not know said *to me*: \*  
 "I freed your shoulder from *the* burden;  
 your hands were freed from the builder's basket. \*  
 You called in distress and I delivered **you**.
2. I answered, concealed in *the* thunder; \*  
 at the waters of Meribah *I* tested you.  
 Listen, my people, as *I* warn you. \*  
 O Israel, if only you *would* heed!
3. Let there be no strange god **among** you, \*  
 nor shall you worship a *foreign* god.  
 I am the LORD *your* God, \*  
 who brought you up from the land of Egypt. \*
4. O that my people *would* heed me, \*  
 that Israel would walk in *my* ways!  
 But Israel I would feed with *finest* wheat, \*  
 and satisfy with honey from *the* rock."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Cf. Hos 6: 6*

III

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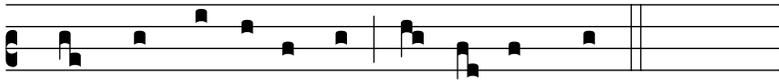
## Psalm 51 (50): 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

1. Have mercy on me, *O God*, \*  
according to your *merciful love*;  
according to your great *compassion*, \*  
blot out my *transgressions*.  
Wash me completely from my *iniquity*, \*  
and cleanse me from *my sin*.
2. For in sacrifice you take no *delight*; \*  
burnt offering from me would *not please* you.  
My sacrifice to God, a broken spirit: †  
a broken and *humbled heart*, \*  
O God, you will *not spurn*.
3. In your good pleasure, show favor *to Sion*; \*  
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.  
Then you will delight in *right sacrifice*, \*  
burnt offerings wholly *consumed*. \*

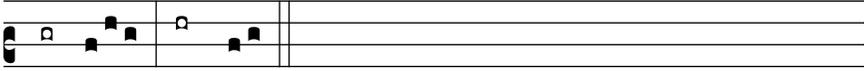
VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

VII

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Raise and hon-or to you, Lord Je- sus Christ.



*Optional Mass*

**Cf. John 4: 42, 15**

☩. Lord, you are truly the Savior *of the world*; \*  
give me living water, that I may never thirst *again*.

*Monday*

**Psalm 130: 5, 7**

☩. I hope in the LORD, I trust *in his word*; \*  
with him there is kindness and plenteous *redemption*.

*Tuesday*

**Joel 2: 12-13**

☩. Even now, says the LORD, †  
return to me with *your whole heart*; \*  
for I am gracious *and merciful*.

*Wednesday*

**John 6: 63c, 68c**

☩. Your words, Lord, are *Spirit and life*; \*  
you have the words of everlasting *life*.

*Thursday*

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return to me with *your whole heart*, \*  
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*Friday*

**Matthew 4: 17**

☩. Repent, *says the Lord*; \*  
the Kingdom of heaven is *at hand*.

*Saturday*

**Psalm 95: 8**

ⲫ. If today you *hear his voice*,\*  
harden not *your hearts*.