



Eternal Father, God of our ancestors, before your power all things tremble but through your son, we approach your throne. We have done wrong and neglected to do right; our sins weigh heavily on our hearts: Lord have mercy, count them not against us. Grant us the joy of forgiveness and lighten our hearts with the glory of Christ, who died and rose again for us. Amen

**Leader:**

Lord of mercy, grant us your pardon and peace; that cleansed from our sins and with peace in our hearts, we may be free to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader        Blessed are those who live in your house:  
People        **They will always be singing your praise.**

Leader        Praise the Lord.  
People        **The name of the Lord be praised.**

*All to stand*

Leader        Glory to the Father in whom all things began,  
People        **Glory to the Son who became the Son of Man,**

**Glory to the Spirit who inspires and renews.**

**The Lord our God forever! Alleluia!**

**Jubilate Song**

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart:  
I will enter his courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made:  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad:  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad:  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**

**Psalm 63:1-8**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and forever it shall be. Amen**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9**

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has 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 labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of 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 his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares 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.

**This is the word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **Second Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

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 just 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.'"

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**Notices:**

**Hymn:** *Leaning on the everlasting arm...*

**Sermon:** *Mrs. Rosabell Mbure*

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offertory Hymn:** *Standing on the promises...*

**INTERCESSIONS/BLESSINGS (People sit or kneel)**

**Recessional hymn:** *I need thee every hour...*

## Welcome and Announcements

1. Greetings and warm welcome to you all and thank you for worshipping with us today. To our visitors we welcome you to our service and we appreciate your presence.
2. Please join our conversation through a chapter a day Bible Study on WhatsApp. Also join us every Wednesday at 7:00pm for a Google Hangout Bible discussions.
3. We welcome you for a sweet hour of prayers every Friday at 6pm. We encourage you all to set aside this time to pray for the Church and other needs wherever you are.
4. Please join us for a Lent Bible Study forum every Sunday from March 10-April 21 at 12:30pm, as we reflect and walk together with Jesus in his way of love. Our Lay reader will lead the session.
5. We would like to thank you all for making this church your home and for being part of this family. You are a blessing to us and we appreciate your commitment to this ministry. Please invite your friends next Sunday.
6. Please join us for a cup of tea after the service. Many thanks to all those who provide some refreshments. Blessings to you for this noble ministry.



**MS. ROSABELL MBURE**  
Guest Preacher

*Thank you!*

***My faith looks up to thee***

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When life's swift race is run, death's cold work almost done, be near to me. Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove. O bear me safe above, redeemed and free!

***Leaning on the Everlasting arms***

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

***Standing on the promises of Christ***

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring, Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me; Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God.

***I need thee every***

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

***I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.***

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou Blessed Son.

## Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior; hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;  
 4 Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,

while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace. *I'm call - ing*  
 whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

while on oth - ers thou are call - ing, do not pass me by.

## Go Down, Moses

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
 3. and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
 4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - roah to let my peo - ple go.