

Third Sunday in Lent C

General Intercessions

Presider:

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Trusting in God, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. Let us pray for the Church :
that, baptised into Christ
and nourished with the spiritual food and drink of his body and blood,
we may repent and live fruitful lives.
PAUSE for silent prayer – at least five seconds, please.
We pray to the Lord.
2. Let us pray for the peace of the world;
we pray especially for the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran,
Israel, Pakistan and Palestine :
may God deliver people everywhere
from suffering, oppression and terrorism.
3. For the people of Haiti and Chile,
and all who are suffering the effects of natural disasters :
may God, in compassion and love, heal every one of their ills.
4. Let us pray for our own parish community :
during this time of prayer and penance,
may we respond generously to the needs of all our brothers and sisters.
5. We pray for the children who are preparing
for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion :
may they experience the healing love of Christ in Reconciliation
and eagerly look forward
to the spiritual food and drink of the Holy Eucharist.
6. Let us pray for Ruth Anderson, Gerald Arbuckle, Joe Beattie,
Joseph Berry, Philip Clarke, Brian Dixon, Edwin Dodd, Ella Fisher,
Bill Hanlon, Michael McWilliams, Mary Nee and Gerald O'Neill,
who have died recently;
we also remember Rina Boyd, Jimmy McGuire
and all those whose anniversaries are at this time :
may they see God face to face in glory.

Presider:

O Lord,
the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
you heard the appeal of your people, Israel,
and freed them from suffering and slavery.
Look graciously upon us now,
the people whom you have redeemed in Jesus Christ:
give us the grace of repentance and new life,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen