

Third Sunday in Lent

Year B

In the wilderness of temptation, God's victorious love makes the desert bloom. In gratitude let us offer our prayers on behalf of the world in which we live, responding, "Christ, have mercy."

+ That our churches may be houses of prayer, education, ministry and transformation, where the people of God seek the holy road, and welcome others on its path; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may commit ourselves to the commandments of God, and living by their precepts may have a secure foundation for our common life, and the freedom of the Holy Spirit; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may freely share with those in need, and receive from them the spiritual grace that sustains their lives; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ For a return to the Sabbath rest, that our towns, retail stores, families, and athletic teams may honor the need for a time of refreshment, wherein God's Name is praised; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ For the good stewardship of God's extraordinary gifts and a generosity of time and purse that flows from a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ That we may discern the cross as the forerunner of victory, and by its power live faithfully through times of despair so that, with all who have died, we may experience the greater joy of eternal life; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy as we join with all the saints at rest, on whose constant intercessions we rely.

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.