

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Knowing that we have an Advocate, Jesus Christ, who paid the ultimate price for our sins and the sins of the whole world and now sits at the right hand of the Father, we turn now to God with our prayers and petitions.

- ☺ For all who minister in the Church: May they be sustained in witnessing to Christ Jesus and preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For Christians around the world, that we who were baptized into his death take seriously our duty to bear witness to Christ in our lives, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ That our nation may use the financial resources it receives from its citizens to make the country a better place for all of us who call it home, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For those who feel burdened by sin, that they may know that Jesus Christ is expiation for the sins of the whole world, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ That we may find it in our hearts to repent for what we have done wrong and forgive those who have done wrong to us, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ That those who have died, especially Ed Flatoff, John Schulfer and Alice Parish: May they soon be welcomed into the peaceful pastures of the kingdom of heaven, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For the intentions of our baskets, Bob & Emmy Gregorich, Ray Pozorski, Wally Bembenek, the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the needs of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;  
▶ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Presider: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we lift up our hearts and prayers to you. Though we are sinners, listen to our prayers and satisfy our needs according to your will. We ask this through your Son, our Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## ***THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***

April 14-15, 2018

### **Mass Intentions:**

†Bob & Emmy Gregorich

†Ray Pozorski

†Wally Bembenek



### **Penitential Rite**

Lord Jesus, companion on our journey of faith, you suffered and died to bring us salvation:

Lord have mercy.

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Living word of God, you are the source of new life for all who put their trust in you:

Christ have mercy.

....**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Advocate with the Father, you are the way that leads to eternal life:

Lord have mercy.

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

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### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Adult Choir: #63, Gather – Psalm 150  
Praise God in His Holy Dwelling

10:30 a.m.: #44, Gather - Psalm 98  
All the Ends of the Earth

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.