

Third Sunday of Lent

First Scrutiny

March 4, 2018 10:30am

It is helpful, if in the homily the preacher can use the readings to explain the meaning of the first scrutiny in light of the Lenten liturgy and the spiritual journey of the elect. The Creed is omitted.

After the homily, the presider (and deacon if present) come forward in front of the altar. (In the absence of a deacon, a server may hold the book.) At the same time, a minister ascends the ambo and calls forth the elect and their sponsor.

Minister: Elect of God, please come forward with your sponsors.

Valerie Worthington, Robert Bacon, Antonio Boles and Duanne Jackson

Choir sings acclamation

Presider: *addressing the assembly in these or similar words:*

People of faith gathered here, let us pray in silence that these elect will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the children of God.

All pray silently for a few moments. He then addresses the Elect:

Elect of God, bow your heads and pray.

After a few more moments of silence, the presider says:

Let us stand and pray for these Elect, whom the Church has confidently chosen. May they successfully complete their preparation, and at the paschal feast find Christ in his sacraments.

Lector/Deacon: That, like the woman of Samaria, our elect may review their lives before Christ and acknowledge their sins, we pray to the Lord.

That they may be freed from the spirit of mistrust that deters people from following Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That while awaiting the gift of God, they may long with all their hearts for the living water that brings eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

That by accepting Jesus Christ as their teacher, they may become true worshippers of the God in spirit and in truth, we pray to the Lord.

That they may share with their friends and neighbors the wonder of their own meeting with Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That those whose lives are empty for want of the Word of God may come to the Gospel of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That all of us may learn from Christ to do God's will in love, we pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased members of our community, ??? and for our service men & women killed in action, we pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions and the intentions placed on the cross in the sanctuary (pause) and for those mentioned in our book of prayer intentions and works of mercy (pause) and for ???, for whom this mass is offered, we pray to the Lord

Presider: *(with hands joined)*

God of all power,
through your Son you revealed your mercy
to the woman of Samaria;
and moved by that same care
you have offered salvation to all sinners.
Look favorably on these elect,
who desire to become your adopted children
through the power of your sacraments.
Free them from the slavery of sin and,
for Satan's crushing yoke,
exchange the gentle yoke of Jesus.
Protect them in every danger,
that they may serve you faithfully in peace and joy
and render you thanks for ever.

Amen.

With hands outstretched over the elect, the presider continues:

Presider: Lord Jesus, in your merciful wisdom
you touched the heart of the Samaritan woman
and taught her to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Now, by your power; free these elect from the cunning of
Satan, as they draw near to the fountain of living water.

Touch their hearts with the power of the Holy Spirit,
that they may come to know the Father in true faith,
which expresses itself in love, for you live and reign for
ever and ever.

Amen.

Dear Elect of God, even though you cannot participate fully, we invite
you to stay with us as we prepare to celebrate God's presence
among us in the Eucharist, as we await the day when you will join us.

Choir sings acclamation