

**Songs for March 7, 2021  
3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Opening Hymn: "Return to God"**

**Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy;  
come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.**

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Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal-va-tion;  
come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with-in you,  
a heart of com-pas-sion and love.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: "Lord, You Have the Words"**  
***Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."***

**Preparation of the Gifts: Instrumental**

**Communion Hymn: "Tend the Ground"**

**Refrain.**

**We till the earth, we tend the ground,  
sowing hope and peace where none is found.  
In selfless love God's life abounds.  
We till the earth, we tend the ground.**

As God pro-vides our ev-ery need, with grate-ful hearts, let us re-ceive these gifts  
of love, and make re-turn to bless the world, to bless the world. **Refrain.**

All crea-tures share one com-mon home, one lov-ing God, one song of hope.  
The rocks cry out and prais-es ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing! **Refrain.**

With o-pen hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live.  
No great-er love is there than this, no great-er love, no great-er love. **Refrain.**

Where hard-ened hearts have turned to greed, tram-pling up on the fledg-ling  
seed, help us to tend to oth-ers' needs, o-pen our eyes, o-pen our eyes. **Refrain.**

On rock-y paths and trod-den roads, Lord, clear the ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to fol-low you. Make straight the way, make straight the way. **Refrain.**

Let plows be forges from swords that kill. Let tools of war be shaped to till and break the hard and ston-y ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace. **Refrain.**

Let mer-cy fall on us like rain to clear the air and heal the pain. Where sin has bro-ken bonds of love let mer-cy reign, let mer-cy reign. **Refrain.**

**Recessional:** "We Shall Rise Again"

Come to me, all you wea-ry, with your bur-dens and pain.  
Take my yoke on your shoul-ders and learn from me: I am gen-tle and hum-ble,  
and your should-er will find rest, For my yoke is eas-y and my bur-den is light.

We de-pend on God's mer-cy, mer-cy which nev-er fades.  
We re-mem-ber our cov-e-nant and the prom-ise Je-sus made:  
If we die with Christ Je-sus, we shall live with him, And if we are faith-ful,  
we shall reign with him!

**We shall rise a-gain on the least day with the faith-ful, rich and poor.  
Coming to the house of Lord Je-sus, we will find an o-pen door there,  
we will find an o-pen door.**

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"Return to God," – Marty Haugen

"Tend the Ground," – Curtis Stephan/Acc. Scott Soper

"We Shall Rise Again," – Tune: RESURRECTION

"Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words," Jeff Thomas