

Closing hymn : Voices that challenge (David Haas)

Refrain:

*Call us to hear the voices that challenge,
Deep in the hearts of all people!
By serving your world as lovers and dreamers,
We become voices that challenge! For we are the voice of God!*

Voices that challenge:

The children who long to be heard and respected!
The lowly and broken destroyed by oppression!
The old and the fearful who hope for a new day!

Voices that challenge:

The lives and the cries of the poor and the silenced!
The young ones who dream of a world free of hatred!
The sick and the dying who cry for compassion!

Voices that challenge:

The ones who seek peace by their witness and courage!
The women who suffer the pain of injustice!
The people with AIDS and those plagued with addiction!
The prophets and heroes who call us to question!
The healers who teach us forgiveness and mercy!
The victims of violent abuse and aggression!
The Christ who gave his life that we might live!



Third Sunday of Lent



“Zeal for your house will consume me.”

7 March 2021

Introduction.

As we continue our Lenten Journey on this third Sunday, we encounter Jesus angered by the desecration He sees in the Temple. There are many forms of desecration in our world today. We have witnessed the frustration and anger of millions of people in Myanmar as they continue to protest against the oppression and violation of their freedom and democratic rights. We invite you to pray for the people of Myanmar.



**From the Message of
Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, 3 February 2021**

“I share deep fellowship with all of you in this moment as you grapple with the unexpected, shocking events that are unfolding in our country. I appeal to each one of you, stay calm, never fall victims to violence. We have shed enough blood. Let not any more blood be shed in this land. Even at this most challenging moment, I believe that peace is the only way, peace is possible. There are always non-violent ways of expressing our protests. The unfolding events are the result of a sad lack of dialogue and communication and disputing of diverse views. Let us not continue hatred at this moment when we struggle for dignity and truth.”

Chant:

Love is the fire that consumes
Zeal is the flame that sets love alight.



A psalm for healing

Emmanuel, God-with-us

We come to you this day

Seeing to be more aware of you in our lives.

When we feel lost or confused about the direction of our lives

Response: O God be with us

When we sometimes feel that we are journeying alone.

Response

When we forget that someone is at hand who knows and understands us. **Response**

God of our lives, healer of mind and body, you are tender and compassionate, slow to anger and most loving. **Response**

As we struggle with our angers, fears, guilt and anxiety.

Response

As we seek your love to bind up our wounds. **Response**

When we are running away from our pain and fear. **Response**

God, you are near to all who call upon you, who call upon you in truth. **Response**

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25—Jesus clears the Temple Courts

Silent reflection.. Shared prayer..... Our Father