

# **The Week of Laetare / 4 Lent**

## **Friday /27 March 2020**

### **Matins / Morning Prayer**

(L: Leader; C: Congregation)

#### **Opening**

**L:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C:** and my mouth will declare your praise.

**L:** Make haste, O God to deliver me;

**C:** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**L:** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** The Lord has redeemed His people.

#### **Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)**

**C:** O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

In his hands are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it;

and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is Our God,

and we are the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand.

**L:** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** The Lord has redeemed His people.

**Psalm 77:11-15**

**C:** I will remember the deeds of the LORD;  
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.  
I will ponder all your work,  
and meditate on your mighty deeds.  
Your way, O God, is holy.  
What god is great like our God?  
You are the God who works wonders;  
you have made known your might among the peoples.  
You with your arm redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**The Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis 47)**

**L:** A reading from Genesis:

So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” <sup>2</sup> And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.” <sup>4</sup> They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.” <sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. <sup>6</sup> The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” <sup>9</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” <sup>10</sup> And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. <sup>11</sup> Then

Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. <sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

<sup>13</sup> Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. <sup>14</sup> And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. <sup>15</sup> And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone." <sup>16</sup> And Joseph answered, "Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone." <sup>17</sup> So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. <sup>18</sup> And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. <sup>19</sup> Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

<sup>20</sup> So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. <sup>21</sup> As for the people, he made servants of them<sup>[a]</sup> from one end of Egypt to the other. <sup>22</sup> Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land.

<sup>23</sup> Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. <sup>24</sup> And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones." <sup>25</sup> And they said, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh." <sup>26</sup> So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this

day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

<sup>27</sup> Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly. <sup>28</sup> And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years.

<sup>29</sup> And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." <sup>31</sup> And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Christian Scriptures (Mark 13:24-37)**

**L:** A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark:

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake.<sup>[a]</sup> For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants<sup>[b]</sup> in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows,<sup>[c]</sup> or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **Responsory for Lent**

**L:** We have an advocate with the Father;  
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C: He was delivered up to death;**  
**He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L:** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven  
and whose sin is put away.

**C: He was delivered up to death;**  
**He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

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Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

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*A homily may be inserted here.*

### **Te Deum**

**C:** <sup>1</sup>We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth now worships You, The Father everlasting.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.  
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:  
<sup>2</sup>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.  
<sup>3</sup>The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:  
You are the king of glory, O Christ;  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.  
<sup>5</sup>When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
<sup>6</sup>You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You will come  
to be our judge.  
<sup>7</sup>We therefore pray You to help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
in glory everlasting.  
<sup>8</sup>O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship your name forever and ever.  
<sup>9</sup>Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

### Collect

**L:** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C:** And let my cry come to you.  
**L:** We pray: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C:** Amen.

### Prayer

**L:** Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and one another.  
Lord in your mercy:  
**C:** Hear our prayer.  
**L:** Eternal Lord, ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us. We remember especially, Donald Trump our President, Mike DeWine our governor, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. O Lord, guide them by Your Spirit that they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty.  
Lord in your mercy:  
**C:** Hear our prayer.

**L:** God of all beauty, be with Your servants who make art and music for Your people that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty in heaven. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory.

Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**L:** We pray together:

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Benedicamus & Benediction**

**L:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C: Amen.**