

The Week of Laetare / 4 Lent

Tuesday /24 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 37:16-20

C: Better is the little that the righteous has
 than the abundance of many wicked.
 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
 but the LORD upholds the righteous.
 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,
 and their heritage will remain forever;
 they are not put to shame in evil times;
 in the days of famine they have abundance.
 But the wicked will perish;
 the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;
 they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

The Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis 43:1-28)

L: A reading from Genesis:

Now the famine was severe in the land. ² And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go again, buy us a little food.” ³ But Judah said to him, “The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’” ⁴ If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. ⁵ But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.’” ⁶ Israel said, “Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?” ⁷ They replied, “The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down?’” ⁸ And Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. ⁹ I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. ¹⁰ If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.”

¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. ¹² Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. ¹³ Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. ¹⁴ May God Almighty^[a] grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.”

¹⁵ So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, “Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon.” ¹⁷ The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸ And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, “It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys.” ¹⁹ So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, ²⁰ and said, “Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food. ²¹ And when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, ²² and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks.” ²³ He replied, “Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money.” Then he brought Simeon out to them. ²⁴ And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder, ²⁵ they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

²⁶ When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground. ²⁷ And he inquired about their welfare and said, “Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?” ²⁸ They said, “Your

servant our father is well; he is still alive.” And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Christian Scriptures (Mark 12:13-27)

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

¹³ And they sent to [Jesus] some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances,^[a] but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius^[d] and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar's.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” And they marveled at him.

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man^[e] must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

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.
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.

A homily may be inserted here.

Te Deum

C: ¹We 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:
²Holy, 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.
³The 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.
⁵When 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.
⁶You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.

We believe that You will come
to be our judge.

⁷We 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.

⁸O 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.

⁹Grant, 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 God heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, Your servant Moses proclaimed the resurrection to the children of Israel to give them hope in the midst of their darkness. As we journey to the darkness of the cross, give us hope to look beyond it to the light of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer

L: Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
Lord in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: O Lord, You are the great Physician. Show mercy to your servants. Spare our lives and restore our strength. Even as You gave Your Son to bear our infirmities and sicknesses, deal compassionately with Your servants and bless us with Your healing power.
Lord in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Ever-present Lord, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us, but to abide with us to the end of time. Grant that those who are lonely may find comfort in Your promise, and may You send them someone to be their friend soon.
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.**