

# Monday in Holy Week

6 April 2020

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35: 1-2; 140: 8

Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me.  
Take up your buckler and shield; arise in my defence, Lord, my mighty help.

### Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Penitential Act

Let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### Collect

Let us pray.  
Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, though in our weakness we fail,  
we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 42.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 36.5–11

**℟. With you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.**

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you save both human and beast, O LORD. **℟.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God!  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light. **℟.**

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,  
and your favour to those who are true of heart.

11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me,  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside. **℟.**

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

Hail to you, our King!

You alone have had compassion on our sins.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

## Gospel

John 12.1-11

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

You may like to listen to the orthodox hymn Прежде шести дней бытия Пасхи (Six days before the passover) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rs3XCv2Ui8>

## Reflection

Fr Graeme Kaines

The aromas of ointments were very important in ancient times. In some circumstances their importance continues. In the ancient world ointment aroma was a statement of unity, whereas now aromas are mostly to do with food and individuality.

The Gospel today tells of Mary of Bethany anointing Jesus' feet with oil. Its special fragrance alerts money-conscious Judas to the expense incurred by Mary to purchase the oil. But does Mary's oil have a particular meaning? It certainly would have to the ancient world. The sweetness of an aroma meant something good and something shared. This is somewhat beyond us in today's world. In restaurants, for example, we sit at separate tables and enjoy food aromas privately. A long time ago the aromas of good food would have been a joyous smell which brought lots of people together as they dined.

But the aroma of Mary's ointment is to be transformed into something greater than human life – just as the bread and wine in the Mass are transformed. Mary anoints Jesus' feet for burial. Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection will lead us into our share of the

divine life. In this divine life we smell the wonderful fragrance of the prodigal goodness of the living God.

This can be a good day to reflect on the influence and impressions we make on others. Are we sources of encouragement or discouragement? Do we inspire or deflate others? In other words, is the aroma we exude sweet or sour?

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**When all is prepared, the Priest says,**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice  
for the praise and glory of God's name,  
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look graciously, O Lord,  
upon the sacred mysteries we celebrate here,  
and may what you have mercifully provided  
to cancel the judgement we incurred  
bear for us fruit in eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh:  
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
he was revealed as your Son.

He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might break the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our sacrifice of praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat:  
this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,  
with this bread and this cup,  
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy  
|to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit  
upon the celebration of your Church:  
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,  
filling them with your Spirit  
and confirming them in the truth,  
that together we may praise you and give you glory  
through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the bread, saying –*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102: 3

Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress.  
Turn your ear towards me; on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Visit your people, O Lord, we pray,  
and with ever-watchful love  
look upon the hearts dedicated to you by means of these  
sacred mysteries,  
so that under your protection  
we may keep safe this remedy of eternal salvation,  
which by your mercy we have received.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

## Prayer over the People and Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

May your protection, O Lord, we pray,  
defend the humble  
and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy,  
that they may celebrate the paschal festivities  
not only with bodily observance  
but above all with purity of mind.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**