

Tuesday in Holy Week

7 April 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

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

Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord,
for false witnesses rise up against me
and they breathe out violence.

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.

Almighty, ever-living God,
grant us so to celebrate
the mysteries of the Lord's Passion
that we may merit to receive your pardon.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 49.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Hear me, O islands,
listen, O distant peoples.
The Lord called me from birth,
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.
He made of me a sharp-edged sword
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.
He made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me.
You are my servant, he said to me,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Though I thought I had toiled in vain,
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,
Yet my reward is with the Lord,
my recompense is with my God.
For now the Lord has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
That Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
And I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord,
and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

℟. My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;
incline your ear to me, and save me. **℟.**

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked. **℟.**

For you are my hope, O Lord;
my trust, O God, from my youth.
On you I depend from birth;
from my mother's womb you are my strength. **℟.**

My mouth shall declare your justice,
day by day your salvation.
O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds. **℟.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Hail to you, our King!

Obedient to the Father, you were led to your crucifixion
as a meek lamb is led to the slaughter.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 13.21-33. 36-38

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.

Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant. One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus’ chest and said to him, “Master, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.” So he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot. After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him. So Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him. Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or to give something to the poor. So Judas took the morsel and left at once. And it was night.

When he had left, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, ‘Where I go you cannot come,’ so now I say it to you.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Master, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.” Peter said to him, “Master, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.”

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A pause for reflection follows.

Longing for Something

We sometimes use the word “longing” – an interesting word because we readily associate “long” with distance. In our minds we can travel a long way ahead or behind the present so perhaps this is the derivation of “longing”. By longing for something we can in our minds bring it into, or nearer, the present. At the same time the distance or the period of time between the present and whatever or whoever we may be longing to arrive can make us feel sad or impatient.

In today’s Gospel there is the sense of longing. Jesus is still with the disciples but he foreshadows his departure. By his death and resurrection Jesus will become both very far distant yet also very near. The disciples are about to lose Jesus in a very physical sense. The time will come soon, however, when they re-discover him in prayer, the Word and the Sacraments. In this re-discovery the people of the world will be able to find him too in this different way. The disciples will be able to share Jesus with countless others - as has happened over the centuries of Christianity.

In our lives it is good to be able to keep alive a sense of Jesus’ nearness to us as we try to follow him for the rest of our days. We can think of Jesus as the road on which walk and as the One at the end of the road. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Music for Meditation: The Call, by Ralph Vaughan Williams
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jg9QZ_Jeqqo

Prayers of the People

Pray for the world and the church.

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.

THE 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 favourably, O Lord, we pray,
 on these offerings of your family,
 and to those you make partakers of these sacred gifts
 grant a share in their fullness.
 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 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.**

Communion Antiphon

Rom 8:32

God did not spare his own Son,
but handed him over for us all.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by the same Sacrament,
with which you have fed us in the present age
you may make us partakers of life eternal .
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 mercy, O God,
cleanse the people that are subject to you
from all seduction of former ways
and make them capable of new holiness.
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.