

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Mass is made up chiefly of parts of the Mass of Saturday. In the Collect we ask God to behold our poverty, our weakness, and our need, and implore His help that our bodies may not succumb to outward evils, and our souls to sin.

The use of the Gospel of the Transfiguration for the second time emphasizes this feast. The early Roman Liturgy did not devote many festivals to celebrating even the most important mysteries of the life and Passion of Our Savior, but in its annual cycle it offered to the faithful full opportunity of meditating, at the proper season, on all the solemn mysteries of the Redemption. The spirit of the liturgy is strongly opposed to the novelty so dear to the secular mind.

INTROIT Psalms 24: 6, 3, 22

Reminiscere miseratiónum tuárum, Dómine, et misericórdiæ tuæ, quæ a sæculo sunt: ne umquam dominéntur nobis inimíci nostri: líbera nos, Deus Israë!l, ex ómnibus angústíis nostris. (Ps 24:1-2) Ad te, Dómine, levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confído, non erubescam.. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

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COLLECT

Deus, qui cónspicis omni nos virtúte destítui: intérius exteríusque custódi; ut ab ómnibus adversitatibus muniámur in córpore, et a praviss cogitatióibus mundémur in mente. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-7

Fratres: Rogámus vos et obsecrámus in Dómino Jesu: ut, quemádmódu accepístis a nobis, quómodo opórteat vos ambuláre et placéris Deo, sic et ambuláris, ut abundétis magis. Scítis enim quæ præcépta déderim vobis per Dominum Jesum. Hæc est enim volúntas Dei, sanctificatió vestra: ut absteineátis vos a fornicatióne, ut sciat unusquisque vestrum vas suum possidére in sanctificatióne et honóre; non in passióne desidérii, sicut et Gentes, quæ ignórant Deum: et ne quis supergrediátur neque circumvéniat in negótió fratrem suum: quóniam vindex est Dóminus de his ómnibus, sicut prædíximus vobis, et testificáti sumus. Non enim vocávit nos Deus in immundítiam, sed in sanctificatióne: in Christo Jesu, Dómino nostro.

GRADUAL Psalms 24: 17, 18

Tribulatiónes cordis mei dilatátæ sunt: de necessitatibus meis éripte me, Dómine, Vide humilitátem meam, et labórem meum: et dimítte ómnia peccáta mea.

TRACT Psalms 105: 1-4

Confitémini Dómino, quóniam bonus: quóniam in saeculum misericórdia ejus. Quis loquétur poténtias Dómini: audítas fáciat omnes laudes ejus? Beáti qui custódiunt judícium et fáciunt justítiam in omni témpore. Meménto nostri, Dómine, in beneplácito pópuli tui: vísitatio nos in salutári tuo.

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

In illo témpore: Assúmpsit Jesus Petrum, et Jacóbum, et Joánnem fratrem ejus, et duxit illos in montem excélsu seórsum: et transfigurátus est ante eos. Et resplénduit fácies ejus sicut sol: vestiménta autem ejus facta sunt alba sicut nix. Et ecce, apparuérunt illis Móyses et Elías cum eo loquéntes. Respóndens autem Petrus, dixit ad Jesum: Dómine, bonum est nos hic esse: si vis, faciámus hic tria tabernácula, tibi unum, Móysi unum, et Elíæ unum. Adhuc eo loquénte, ecce nubes lúcida obumbrávit eos. Et ecce vox de nube, dicens: Hic est Fílius meus dílectus, in quo mihi bene complácuti: ípsu audíte. Et audiéntes discípuli, cecidérunt in fáciem suam, et timuérunt valde. Et accéssit Jesus, et tétigit eos, dixítque eis: Súrgite, et nolíte timére. Levántes autem óculos suos, et mínem vidérunt, nisi solum Jesum. Et descendéntibus illis de monte, præcépít eis Jesus, dicens: Némini dixéritis visióne, donec Fílius hóminis a mórtuis resúrgat.

OFFERTORY Psalms 118: 47, 48

Meditábor in mandátis tuis, quæ dílexi valde: et levábo manus meas ad mandáta tua, quæ dílexi.

SECRET

Sacrificiis præsentibus, Dómine, quaesumus, inténde placátus: ut et devotióni nostræ proficiant, et salutí. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largírís et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítte júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:

COMMUNION Psalms 5: 2-4

Intéllige clamóre meum: inténde voci oratiónis meæ, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quóniam ad te orábo, Dómine.

POSTCOMMUNION

Súpplices te rogámus, omnipotens Deus: ut, quos tuis réficis sacraméntis, tibi etiam plácitis móribus dignánter deservíre concédas. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. (Ps 24: 1, 2) To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust: let me not be ashamed. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations.

O God, Who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. See my abjection and my labor, and forgive me all my sins.

Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. Remember us, O Lord, in the favor of Thy people; visit us with Thy salvation.

At that time Jesus took Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

We humbly beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.