

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK IN LENT (w/abbreviated Passion)

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Collect at St. Peter in Chains. Station at St. Mary Major.

In the early Roman church, there was no Liturgy for this day; it was kept as we now keep Good Friday; the Mass was omitted and only the Litany solemnly recited. The Mass was reserved for the evening, in St. Mary Major. By the time of St. Leo the Great, this day already had its Mass. It was the rule that it be celebrated in St. Mary Major, to entrust, as it were, the aspirants for Baptism to her loving care, who on Good Friday will be named the Mother of Mercy and the Advocate of the human race.

The Introit announces the triumph of the Cross; the Church desires to confirm our faith in Him Whose Passion is read in the Gospel according to St. Luke, Whom tomorrow we shall see crucified between two thieves. The crucifixion is the summary of Catholic belief. The Cross is the crown of all the works of God, and the masterpiece of His love. God is well pleased with it; He cannot hear it commemorated nor behold its image without being moved with pity towards us.

INTROIT Philippians 2: 10, 8, 11.

In nómine Jesu omne genu flectátur, cæléstium, terréstrium et infernórum: quia Dóminus factus est obédiens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis: et omnis lingua confiteátur, ideo Dóminus Jesus Christus in glória est Dei Patris. (Ps. 101: 2) Dómine, exáudi oratióem meam: et clamor meus ad te veniat. In nómine Jesu omne genu flectátur, cæléstium, terréstrium et infernórum: quia Dóminus factus est obédiens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis: et omnis lingua confiteátur, ideo Dóminus Jesus Christus in glória est Dei Patris.

Orémus. Flectámus gèna. Leváte.

COLLECT

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui nostris excéssibus incessánter affligimur, per unigéniti Filii tui passióem liberémur: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Isaiah 63: 1-7

Hæc dicit Dóminus Deus: Dícite filiæ Sion: Ecce salvátor tuus venit: ecce, merces ejus cum eo. Quis est iste, qui venit de Edom, tinctis véstibus de Bosra? Iste formósus in stola sua, grádiens in multitúdine fortitúdinis suæ. Ego, qui loquor justítiam, et propugnátor sum ad salvándum. Quare ergo rubrum est induméntum tuum, et vestiménta tua sicut calcántium in torculári? Tórcular calcávi solus, et de géntibus non est vir mecum: calcávi eos in furóre meo, et conculcávi eos in ira mea: et aspérsus est sanguis eórum super vestiménta mea, et ómnia induménta mea inquinávi. Dies enim últiónis in corde meo, annus redemptiõnis meæ venit. Circumspéxi, et non erat auxiliátor: quæsívi, et non fuit, qui adjuváret: et salvávit mihi bráchium meum, et indignatio mea ipsa auxiliáta est mihi. Et conculcávi pópulos in furóre meo, et inebriávi eos in indignatióne mea, et detráxi in terram virtútem eórum. Miseratiónum Dómini recordábor, laudem Dómini super ómnibus, quæ réddidit nobis Dóminus, Deus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 68: 18; 68: 2-3

Ne avértas fáciem tuam a púero tuo, quóniam tribulor: velóciter exáudi me. Salvum me fac, Deus, quóniam intravérunt aquæ usque ad ánimam meam: infixus sum in limo profúndi, et non est substántia.

COLLECT

Deus, qui pro nobis Filium tuum crucis patíbulum subíre voluísti, ut inimíci a nobis expéleres potestátem: concéde nobis fámulis tuis; ut resurrectiõnis grátiam consequámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Isaiah 53: 1-12

In diébus illis: Dixit Isaías: Dómine, quis crédidit auditui nostro? et bráchium Dómini cui revelátum est? Et ascúdet sicut virgúlitum coram eo, et sicut radix de terra sitiénti: non est spécies ei neque decor: et vidimus eum, et non erat aspéctus, et desiderávimus eum: despéctum et novíssimum virórum, virum dolórum, et sciéntem infirmitátem: et quasi absconditus vultus ejus et despéctus, unde nec reputávimus eum. Vere languóres nostros ipse tulit, et dolóres nostros ipse portávit: et nos putávimus eum quasi leprósum, et percússum a Deo, et humiliátum. Ipse autem vulnerátus est propter iniquitátes nostras: disciplina pacis nostræ super eum, et livóre ejus sanáti sumus. Omnes nos quasi oves errávimus, unusquisque in viam suam declinávit: et pónuit Dóminus in eo iniquitátem ómnium dóstrum. Oblátus est, quia ipse voluit, et non apéruit os suum: sicut ovis ad occisióem ducétur, et quasi agnus coram tondénte se obmutéscet, et non apériet os suum. De angústia et de júdicio sublátus est: generatióem ejus quis enarrábit? quia abscessus est de terra vivéntium: propter scelus pópuli mei percússi eum. Et dabit ímpios pro sepultúra, et dívitem pro morte sua: eo quod iniquitátem non fécerit, neque dolus fúerit in ore ejus. Et Dóminus voluit contéere eum in infirmitáte: si posúerit pro peccáto ánimam suam, vidébit semen longævum, et volúntas Dómini in manu ejus dirigétur. Pro eo, quod laborávit ánima ejus, vidébit, et saturábitur: in sciéntia sua justificábit ipse justus eorum multos, et iniquitátes eórum ipse portábit. Ideo dispértiam ei plúrimos: et fórtium dívidet spólia, pro eo quod trádidit in mortem ánimam suam: et cum scelerátis reputátus est et ipse peccáta multórum tulit, et pro transgressóribus rogávit.

TRACT Psalms 101: 2-5, 14

Dómine, exáudi oratióem meam, et clamor meus ad te veniat. Ne avértas fáciem tuam a me; in quacúmque die tribulor, inclína ad me aurem tuam ; in quacúmque die invocávero te, velóciter exáudi me. Quia defecérunt sicut frumixus dies mei: et ossa mea sicut in frixório confríxa sunt. Percússus sum sicut fœnum, et áruit cor meum, quia oblítus sum manducáre panem meum. Tu exsúrgens miseréberis Sion, quia tempus miseréndi ejus, quia venit tempus.

GOSPEL Matthew 27: 45-52

Postquam crucifixerunt Jesus, a sexta autem hora ténæbræ factæ sunt super univérsam terram usque ad horam nonam. Et circa horam nonam clamávit Iesus voce magna dicens Heli Heli Lema sabachthani hoc est Deus meus uti quod dereliquisti me? Quidam autem illic stantes et audiétes dicébant Heliam vocat iste. Et continuo currens unus ex eis accepit spongiam implévit acéto et incoepuit harundíni et dabat ei bíbere. Céteri vero dicébant sine videámus an véniat Helias líberans eum. Iesus autem íterum clamans voce magna emisit spíritum. *(Here all kneel.)* Et ecce velum templi scissum est in duas partes a summo usque deorsum et terra mota est et petrae scissæ sunt. Et monuménta apérta sunt et multa corpora sanctorum qui dormiérant surrexérunt.

OFFERTORY Psalms 101: 2-3

Dómine, exáudi oratióem meam, et clamor meus ad te pervéniat: ne avértas fáciem tuam a me.

SECRET

Súscipe, quæsumus, Dómine, munus oblátium, et dignánter operáre: ut, quod passiónis Filii tui, Dómini nostri, mystério gérimus, piis afféctibus consequámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Qui salútem humáni géneris in ligno Crucis constituísti: ut unde mors oriebátur, inde víta resúrgeret: et, qui in ligno vincébat, in ligno quoque vincerétur: per Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adorant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admitti jubeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessiõe dicéntes:

COMMUNION

Psalms 101: 13; 101: 14

Potum meum cum fletu temperábam: quia élevans allisísti me: et ego sicut fœnum áruí: tu autem, Dómine, in ætérnum pèris manes: tu exsúrgens miseréberis Sion, quia venit tempus miseréndi ejus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Largíre sénsibus nostris, omnipotens Deus: ut, per temporálem Filii tui mortem, quam mystéria veneránda testántur, vítam te nobis dedísse perpétuum confidámus. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Humiliáte cápita vestra Deo. Réspice, quaesumus, Dómine, super hanc familiám tuam, pro qua Dóminus noster Jesus Christus non dubitávit mámbus tradi nocéntium, et crucis subíre torméntum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth: He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father. (Ps. 101: 2) Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come unto Thee. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth: He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

Let us pray. Let us kneel. Arise.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we who are continually afflicted by reason of our excesses, may be delivered through the passion of Thine only-begotten Son. Who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Thus sayeth the Lord God: Telleth the daughter of Sion: Behold thy Savior cometh; behold His reward is with Him and His work before Him. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bosra, this beautiful one in his robe, walking in the greatness of his strength? I, that speak justice, and am a defender to save. Why then is thy apparel red, and thy garments like theirs that tread in the winepress? I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the Gentiles there is not a man with me: I have trampled on them in my indignation, and have trodden them down in my wrath, and their blood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my apparel. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, the year of my redemption is come. I looked about, and there was none to help: I sought, and there was none to give aid: and my own arm hath saved for me, and my indignation itself hath helped me. And I have trodden down the people in my wrath, and have made them drunk in my indignation, and have brought down their strength to the earth. I will remember the tender mercies of the Lord, the praise of the Lord for all the things that the Lord hath bestowed upon us.

Turn not away thy face from thy servant: for I am in trouble, hear me speedily. Save me, O God: for the waters are come in even unto my soul. I stick fast in the mire of the deep and there is no sure standing.

O God, Who willed that Thy Son should undergo for us the ignominy of the cross to deliver us from the power of the enemy: grant to us Thy servants, that we may obtain the grace of His resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? And he shall grow up as a tender plant before him, and as a root out of a thirsty ground: there is no beauty in him, nor comeliness: and we have seen him, and there was no sightliness, that we should be desirous of him:

Despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity: and his look was as it were hidden and despised, whereupon we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows: and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, every one hath turned aside into his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was offered because it was his own will, and he opened not his mouth: he shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer, and he shall not open his mouth. He was taken away from distress, and from judgment: who shall declare his generation? because he is cut off out of the land of the living: for the wickedness of my people have I struck him. And he shall give the ungodly for his burial, and the rich for his death: because he hath done in his iniquity, neither was there deceit in his mouth. And the Lord was pleased to bruise him in infirmity: if he shall lay down his life for sin, he shall see a long-lived seed, and the will of the Lord shall be prosperous in his hand. Because his soul hath labored, he shall see and be filled: by his knowledge shall this my just servant justify many, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I distribute to him very many, and he shall divide the spoils of the strong, because he hath delivered his soul unto death, and was reputed with the wicked: and he hath borne the sins of many, and hath prayed for the transgressors.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to thee. Turn not away thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me. In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily. For my days are vanished like smoke, and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire. I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread. Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

After they had crucified Jesus, from the whole hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some that stood there and heard, said: This man calleth Elias. And immediately one of them running took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar; and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. And the others said: Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to deliver him. And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. *(Here all kneel.)* And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent. And the graves were opened: and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to thee. Turn not away thy face from me.

Receive, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the gift which we offer, mercifully granting that we may obtain that which we celebrate in this mystery of the passion of Thy Son our Lord, Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: Who didst establish the salvation of mankind on the tree of the Cross: that whence death came, thence also life might arise again, and that he, who overcame by the tree, by the tree also might be overcome: Through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, the Dominations worship it, the Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations. Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

Grant to our mind, O almighty God, that by the temporal death of Thy Son, represented in these adorable mysteries, we may trust that Thou hast given to us eternal life. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Bow your heads to God. Look down we beseech thee, O Lord, on this thy family for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ refused not to yield himself into the hands of the wicked and to suffer the torments of the cross. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.