03/12, FRIDAY AFTER THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT W/ COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Collect at St. Vitus in "*Macedo Lvrae.*"
Station at St. Eusebius.

The assembly of the faithful was appointed for today at a church once called ad Lunam. During the Seventh Century, when St. Vitus was a popular Italian saint, this church received his name.

Eusebius, whose house occupied the site of the stational church was martyred under the Arian Emperor Constantius II (353–361). The nearness of an ancient burying ground may have influenced the choice of the Epistle and Gospel of the Mass.

The resurrection of Lazarus may be regarded as a type of the sacrament of Penance. Jesus alone has power to convert the heart, but He delegates to his apostles and ministers the power of freeing Lazarus from the bands and the winding sheet which enclose him.

INTROIT Psalms 18: 11

Medítátes córdi mei in conspéctu tuo semper: Dómine, adjútor meus, et redémptor meus. Psalm 18: 2 Cæli enárrant glóriam Dei: et ópera mánuum ejus annuntiat firmaméntum. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Meditátio córdis mei in conspéctu tuo semper: Dómine, adjútor meus, et redémptor meus.

COLLECT

Deus, qui ineffábilis mundi renovas sacraméntis: præsta, quæsumus; ut Ecclésia tua et ætérnis purificáti indúlgeat, et ætérnis dignánter dedúcat. Per ejus dómum mánsiónem, qui tecum. Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON 3 Kings 17: 17-24

In diébus illis: Ægrotávit fílius mulíeris matrísfamílias, et ærat ægrótus fortíssimus, ita ut non remanéret in eo hálitus. Dixit ergo ad Elíam: Quid mihi et tibi, vir Dei? ingressus es ad me, ut reminarentúrinic iniquitátes meæ, et occídas fílium meum? Qui dixit ei: Elias: Da mihi fílium tuum. Tulítque eum de sinu ejus, et portávit in cœnáculum, ubi ipse manébat, et pósuit super lectulum suum. Et clamávit ad Dóminum, et dixit: Dómine, Deus meus, étiam tu vidúam, apud quam ego hospítor, afflígis, ut occídas filium ejus? Et inferfícere fílium ejus? Et expándit se super meum est super pannum, et vívificávit eum. Et exaudívit Dóminus, et, et Dómine, Deus meus, revertátur, obsecro, ánima puéri hujus in víscera ejus. Et exaudívit Dóminus vocem Elíæ: et revérsa est ánima pueri ad eum, et revixit. Tulítque Elías púerum, et depósuit eum de cenáculo in inferiórem domum, et tradídit eum matri ejus. Dixítque Elías: Ecce vivit fílius tuus. Dixítque mulier ad Elíam: Nunc in isto cognóvi, quóniam vir Dei es tu, et verbum Dómini in ore tuo verum est.

GRADUAL Psalms 117: 8-9

Bonum est confíteri in Dómino, quam confídere in hómine. Bonum est sperare in Dómino, quam sperare in princípibus.

TRACT Psalms 102: 10

Dómine, non secúndum peccáta nostra, quæ fécimus nos: neque secúndum iniquitátes nostras retribuas nobis. (Ps. 78: 8-9) Dómine, ne memíneris iniquitátum nostrárum: sequántur cito miseratiónes tuæ: quia páuperes facti sumus nimis. *(Hic genuflectitur.)* Adjuva nos, Deus, salutáris noster: et propter glóriam nóminis tui, Dómine, líbera nos: et propítius esto peccátis nostris, propter nomen tuum.

GOSPEL John 11: 1-45

In illo témpore: Erat quidam languens Lázarus a Bethánia, de castéllo Mariæ et Márthæ, soróris ejus. Maria autem erat, quæ únxit Dóminum unguénto, et exérsit pedes ejus cápillis suis: cújus frater Lázarus infirmabátur. Misérunt ergo sóróres ejus ad eum, dicéntes: Dómine, ecce, quem amas infírmatur. Audíens autem Jesus, dixit eis: Infirmitas hæc non est ad mortem, sed pro glória Dei, ut glorificétur Fílius Dei per eam. Diligébat autem Jesus Mártham et sórorem ejus, Mariam, et Lázarum. Ut ergo audívit, quia infírmabátur, tunc quidem mánsit in eódem loco diúbus diébus. Déinde post hæc dixit discípulis suis: Eámus in Judæam iterum. Dicunt ei discípuli: Rabbi, nunc quærébant te Judæi lapidáre, et iterum vadis illuc? Respóndit Jesus: Nonne duódecim horæ sunt diéi? Si quis ámbulat in die, non offéndit, quia lucem hujus mundi vidit: si autem ámbulat in nocte, offéndit, quia lux non est in eo. Hæc ait, et post hæc dixit eis: Lázarus amícus noster dórmit: sed vado ut a somno excitem eum. Dixérunt ergo discípuli ejus: Dómine, si dórmit, salvus erit. Dixerat autem Jesus de morte ejus: illi autem æstimavérunt, quod de dormítione sómni dicerat. Tunc ergo dixit eis palam: Lázarus mórtuus est: et gáudeo propter vos, ut credátis, quóniam non eram ibi: sed eámus ad eum. Dixit ergo Thomas, qui dícitur Dídymus, ad condiscípulos: Eámus et nos, ut moriámur cum eo. Venit ítaque Jesus, et invénit eum quátuor dies jam in monuménto habéntem. Erat autem Bethánia juxta Jerosólymam quasi stadiórum quindécim. Multi autem ex Judæis vénerant ad Mártham et Máriam, ut consolarentur eas de fratre eórum. Maria ergo sicut audívit quia Jesus venit, occúrrit Illi: Maria autem domi sedébat. Dixit ergo Martha ad Jesum: Dómine, si fúisses hic, frater meus non fúisset mórtuus. Sed et nunc scio, quóniam quæcúmque postúlaveris a Deo, dabit tibi Deus. Dicit Jesus: Resúrget frater tuus. Dicit ei Martha: Scio, quia resúrget in resurrectióne in novíssimo die. Dixit ei Jesus: Ego sum resurréctio et vita: qui credit in me, etiam si mórtuus fúerit, vivet: et omnis, qui vivit et credit in me, non morétur in ætérnum. Credis hoc? Ait illi: Utique, Dómine, ego credídi, quia tu es Christus, Fílius Dei vivi, qui in hunc mundum venísti. Et cum hæc dixísset, abiit et vocávit Máriam, sorórem suam, clam, dicens: Magíster adest, et vocat te. Illa ut audívit, surgit cito, et venit ad eum. Nondum enim vénerat Jesus in castéllum, sed adhuc erat in illo loco, ubi occúrrerat ei Martha. Judæi ergo, qui erant cum ea in domo et consolabántur eam, cum vidíssent Máriam, quia cito surrexit et exísit, secúti sunt eam, dicéntes: Quia vadit ad monuméntum, ut ploret ibi. Maria ergo, cum venísset, ubi erat Jesus, vidénsEum, cécidit ad pedes ejus, et dixit ei: Dómine, si fúisses hic, non esset frater meus mórtuus. Jesus ergo, ut vidit eam plorántem, et Judæos, qui simul cum ea venérant, plorántes, infremúit spíritu, et turbávit seípsum, et dixit: Ubi posuístis eum? Dicunt ei: Dómine, veni et vide. Et lacrimátus est Jesus. Dixérunt ergo Judæi: Ecce quómodo amábat eum. Quidam autem ex ipsis dixérunt: Non poterat hic, qui aperuit óculos cæci nati, facere, ut et hic non morerétur? Jesus ergo rursum fremens in semetípso, venit ad monuméntum. Erat autem spelúnca, et lapis superpósitus erat ei. Ait Jesus: Tóllite lápidem. Dicit ei Martha, sóror ejus, qui mórtuus fuerat: Domine, jam fœtet, quátriduánus est enim. Dicit ei Jesus: Nonne dixi tibi, quóniam, si credíderis, vídeas glóriam Dei? Tulérunt ergo lápidem. Jesus autem, elevátis sursum óculis, dixit: Pater, grátias ago tibi, quóniam audísti me. Ego autem sciébam, quia semper me audis, sed propter pópulum, qui circúmstat, dixi: ut credant, quia tu me misísti. Hæc cum dixísset, voce magna clamávit: Lázare, veni foras. Et statim prodit, qui fúerat mórtuus, ligátus pedes et manus ínstitis, et fácies illius sudário erat ligáta. Dicit eis Jesus: Sólvite eum, et sínite abíre. Multi ergo ex Judæis, qui vénerant ad Mariam et Mártham, et vidérant quæ fecit Jesus, credidérunt in eum.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salútáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Angeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes, Cæli cælorúmque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:

COMMUNION John 11: 33, 43-44, 39

Videns Dóminus lentes soróres Lázari monuméntum, lacrimátus est Jesus Judæis, et exclamávit: Lázare, veni foras: et pródit ligátis mánibus et pédibus, qui fúerat quátriduánus mórtuus.

POSTCOMMUNION

Hæc nos, quæsumus, Dómine, participátio sacraménti: et a própriis nos absólvat reátibus expédiat, et ab ómnibus tuéatur advérsis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

For St. Gregory the Great

Deus, qui beátum Gregórium Pontíficem Sanctórum túrbam máxima cœlestíum scientiæ próvidit, qui commemoratiónis ejus festa percólimus, vita quoque imitémur exémpla. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Humíliate cápita vestra Deo. Da nobis, quæsúmus, ómnipotens Deus: ut, qui infirmitátis nostræ consci, de tua virtúte confidámus, sub tua semper pietáte gaudeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Let the thought of my heart find favor before Thee, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 18: 2) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the handiwork. 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. Let the thought of my heart find favor before Thee, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

O God, Who dost renovate the world with ineffable sacraments, grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy Church may not be profited by these Thy institutions and not left without temporal assistance. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

In those days, the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and the sickness was very grievous, so that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elias, What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me that my iniquities should be remembered, and that you should kill my son? And Elias said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him into the upper chamber where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed, and he cried to the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, have Thou afflicted also the widow, with whom I am a guest, that I should kill her son, O man of God? Have you come to me that my iniquities should be remembered, and that you should kill my son? And Elias said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him into the upper chamber where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed, and he cried to the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, have Thou afflicted also the widow, with whom I am a guest, that I should kill her son? And he stretched, and measured himself upon the child three times, and cried to the Lord and said, O Lord my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech Thee, return into his body. And the Lord heard the voice of Elias; and the soul of the child returned into him, and he revived. And Elias took the child, and brought him down from the upper chamber to the house below, and delivered him to his mother, and said to her, Behold, your son lives. And the woman said to Elias, Now by this I knew that you are a man of God, and the word of the Lord in your mouth is true.

It is good to confide in the Lord, rather than to confide in man. It is good to trust in the Lord rather than to trust in princes.

O Lord, repay us not according to the sins we have committed, nor according to our iniquities. (Ps. 78: 8-9) O Lord, remember not our former iniquities, let Thy mercies speedily prevent us; for we are become exceeding poor. *(We kneel.)* Help us, O God, our Savior, and for the glory of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us and forgive us our sins for Thy name's sake.

At that time, a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Now it was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick. But when Jesus heard this, He said to them, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that through it the Son of God may be glorified. Now He loved Martha and her sister Mary, and Lazarus. So when He heard that he was sick, He remained two more days in the same place. Only afterwards He said to His disciples, Let us go again into Judea. The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, just now the Jews were seeking to stone You; and do You go there again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If a man walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if he walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him. These things He spoke, and after this He said to them, Lazarus, our friend, sleeps. But I go that I may wake him from sleep. Then His disciples therefore said, If he sleeps, he will be safe. Now Jesus had spoken of his death; but they thought He was speaking of the repose of sleep. So then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead, and I rejoice on your account that I was not there, that you may believe. But let us go to him. Thomas, who is called the twin, said therefore to his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him. Jesus therefore came, and found him already four days in the tomb. Now Bethany was close to Jerusalem, some fifteen stades distant. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them on account of their brother. When, therefore, Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. But Mary remained at home. Martha therefore said to Jesus, Lord, if Thou had been here my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever Thou shalt ask of God, God will give it to Thee. Jesus said to her, Your brother shall rise. Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise in the resurrection, on the last day. Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die. Do you believe this? She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I believe that Thou art Christ the Son of God, Who have come into the world. And when she had said this, she went away and quietly called Mary her sister, saying, The Master is here and calls you. As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and came to Him, for Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met Him. Those, therefore, the Jews who were with her in the house and were comforting her, saw Mary rise up quickly and go out, and they followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb to weep there. Mary, therefore, Mary came where Jesus was, and when she saw Him at His feet, and said to him, Lord, if Thou had been here, my brother would not have died. When, therefore, Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, He groaned in spirit and was troubled, and said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. And Jesus wept. The Jews therefore said, Behold how He loved him. But some of them said, Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that this man should not die? Jesus therefore, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave and a stone was laid against it. Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, Lord, by this time he is already decayed, for he is dead four days. Jesus said to her, Have I not told you that if you believe you shall behold the glory of God? They therefore removed the stone. And Jesus, raising His eyes, said, Father, I give Thee thanks that Thou hast heard Me. Yet I knew that Thou always hear Me; but because of the people who stand round, I spoke, that they may believe that Thou have sent Me. When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! And at once he who had died came forth, bound feet and hands with bandages, and his face was tied up with a cloth. Jesus said to them, Unbind him, and let him go. Many therefore of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

Thou wilt save the humble people, O Lord, and wilt bring down the eyes of the proud: for who is God, but Thou, O Lord?

May the gifts we offer, O Lord, cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from sin, and may Thou be always merciful to us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Suffer, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that through the intercession of blessed Gregory this oblation may profit us; for by its offering Thou have granted that the sins of all the world should be pardoned. 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 it, 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 be also admitted in confessing Thee saying:

The Lord, seeing the sisters of Lazarus weeping at the tomb, were moved in His Jews, and cried out: Lazarus, come forth: and he who had been dead four days came forth, bound hands and feet.

May the reception of this sacrament, we beseech Thee, O Lord, both unceasingly free us from our sins and protect us from all that works against us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O God, Who didst make Thy bishop Gregory equal with the saints in merit, inevitably grant that we, who thankfully keep the feast of his commemoration, may also imitate the examples set by his 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.

Bow your heads to God.
Grant us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that, conscious of our weakness, and confiding in Thy strength, we may ever rejoice under Thy kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.