

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body

but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

Prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine always on our way as a sign of our safety and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus, keeping strong in your faith.

O Advocate for All People, you know what we need

and we are sure that you will provide it for us, just as at Cana of Galilee the joy and feasting could return after that moment of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took upon Himself our sufferings and is marked by our sorrows and so leads us, toward the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts:

Return To God

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least 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 Song:

Change Our Hearts

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be.
Change our minds, this time, your life could make us free.
We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams. One foot in paradise, one in the waste.
Drawn by your promises, still we are lured
by the shadows and the chains we leave behind. But change our hearts...
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, of'fring abundances, fullness of joy.
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal,
when we have bread and water in our hands. But change our hearts...
3. Show us the way that leads to your side, over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from stone, light which says we never walk alone. And...

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Sending Forth Song:

Jerusalem, My Destiny

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
2. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.
Here among you I have found a vision, bright and new.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.
Here among you I awoke to unexpected dawn.

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