

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
February 23, 2021

Gathering Song:

Abba, Father

1. Abba! Abba, Father! You are the potter; we are the clay,
the work of your hands.
2. Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, your Son,
of Jesus, your Son.
3. Father, may we be one in you, may we be one in you as he is in you,
and you are in him.
4. Glory, glory and praise to you! Glory and praise to you forever, amen,
forever, amen! Abba!

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First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down
And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful,
Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,
So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

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

Responsorial Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

From all their distress God rescues the just.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

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Gospel Acclamation

R. Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In praying, do not babble like the pagans,
who think that they will be heard because of their many words.
Do not be like them.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you are to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

“If you forgive men their transgressions,
your heavenly Father will forgive you.
But if you do not forgive men,
neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

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

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.

Sending Forth Song:

Forgive Our Sins

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your Cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

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