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GATHERING: *Silence*

PENITENTIAL ACT: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

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

Responsorial Psalm 95 If today you hear the voice of God, if today you hear God's own voice, harden not your heart, harden not your heart, harden not your heart today.

1. Sing out, O people, with songs of gladness. Let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
2. Come, let us worship the God who made us, the one who guides and shepherds us with love.
3. Listen to God's voice today: "Harden not your hearts as in that time of testing in the wilderness when your ancestors tempted me."

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Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there.
Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir, you do not have a bucket and this well is deep; where then can you get this living water?"

Are you greater than our father Jacob,
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;

but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;

the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back."

The woman replied, "I do not have a husband."

"You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.'

For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;

but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand;

we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people,

"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

They went out of the town and came to him.

Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.

Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?

I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.

The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.

For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'

I sent you to reap what you have not worked for;

others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman,

"We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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: *The God of Second Chances*

Come now, O God of second chances; open our lives to heal.
Remove our hate, and melt our rage. Calm the storm within.

Come now, O God, release our demons; open our eyes to see
the shame within, our guilt and pain. Mend us; make us whole.

Come now, O God, and still our anger; open our minds to peace.
Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within.

Come now, O God, shake our resentment; open our way to choose
the way of love over revenge. Show us a new way.

Come now, O God, and grant compassion; open our hearts to love.
May we let go of all our hurt. Help us to move on.

Come now, O God of second chances; may we forgive ourselves,
may we become your living sign: Children of God's love.

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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:

Come to the Water

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
3. And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

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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. See, I leave the past behind; a new land calls to me.
Here among you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
2. In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ.

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