

Wednesday 8 April 2020

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Phil 2: 10, 8, 11

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend
of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth,
for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross:
therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect

O God, who willed your Son to submit for our sake
to the yoke of the Cross,
so that you might drive from us the power of the enemy,
grant us, your servants, to attain the grace of the resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-9

Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(69):8-10,21-22,31,33-34

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Taunts have broken my heart;
I have reached the end of my strength.
I looked in vain for compassion,
for consolers; not one could I find.
For food they gave me poison;
in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Let us greet our king;
he alone showed mercy for our sins.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Or:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Hail to our king, obedient to his Father;
he went to his crucifixion like a gentle lamb.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-25

'The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will'

One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?' They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' 'Go to so-and-so in the city' he replied 'and say to him, "The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples."' The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said 'I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.' They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn, 'Not I, Lord, surely?' He answered, 'Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me, will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!' Judas, who was to betray him; asked in his turn, 'Not I, Rabbi, surely?' 'They are your own words' answered Jesus.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray, the offerings made here,
and graciously grant
that, celebrating your Son's Passion in mystery,
we may experience the grace of its effects.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 20: 28

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

Endow us, almighty God, with the firm conviction
that through your Son's Death in time,
to which the revered mysteries bear witness,

we may be assured of perpetual life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Grant your faithful, O Lord, we pray,
to partake unceasingly of the paschal mysteries
and to await with longing the gifts to come,
that, persevering in the Sacraments of their rebirth,
they may be led by Lenten works to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.