
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025

Opening Hymn

Our Father, We Have Wandered #956

Responsorial Psalm #1027

Psalm 34: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Communion Hymns

Sacred Silence #2064

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord #51

Hosea #484

Return to God #478

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the
heavenly hosts, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan, and all
evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Readings

#1027

First Reading:

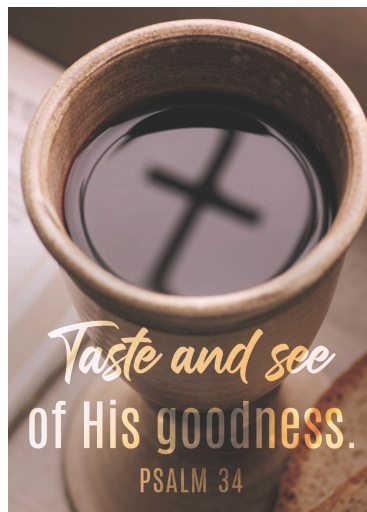
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel:

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Opening Hymn

956 Our Father, We Have Wandered



1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both

hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have
 e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -
 ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -

squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But
 turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In
 giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord, Grant

now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We
 haste you come to meet us And
 now that our trans - gress - ing, Our

rise with fear and shame, As, dis - tant but com -
 home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to
 faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in

pell - ing, We hear you call our name.
 greet us With calf and robe and ring.
 bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.

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Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

First Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

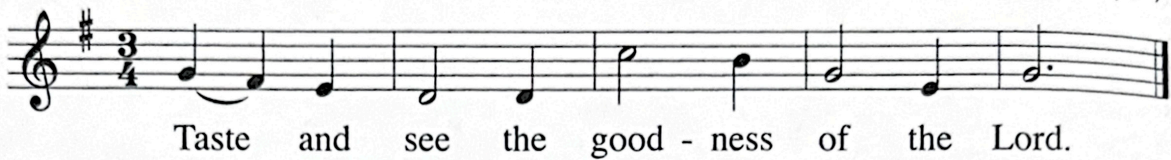
The LORD said to Joshua,
“Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.”

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho,
they celebrated the Passover
on the evening of the fourteenth of the month.
On the day after the Passover,
they ate of the produce of the land
in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.
On that same day after the Passover,
on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased.
No longer was there manna for the Israelites,
who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7



I will bless the LORD at all times;
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. *R.*

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free. *R.*

Look toward him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his
distress. *R.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters:
Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
And all this is from God,
who has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation,
namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
not counting their trespasses against them
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.
For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus,
but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying,
“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
So to them Jesus addressed this parable:
“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father,
‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’
So the father divided the property between them.
After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings
and set off to a distant country
where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.
When he had freely spent everything,
a severe famine struck that country,
and he found himself in dire need.
So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens
who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.
And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed,
but nobody gave him any.
Coming to his senses he thought,
‘How many of my father’s hired workers
have more than enough food to eat,
but here am I, dying from hunger.
I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son;
treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’
So he got up and went back to his father.
While he was still a long way off,
his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.
He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.
His son said to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you;
I no longer deserve to be called your son.'
But his father ordered his servants,
'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
Take the fattened calf and slaughter it.
Then let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.'
Then the celebration began.
Now the older son had been out in the field
and, on his way back, as he neared the house,
he heard the sound of music and dancing.
He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.
The servant said to him,
'Your brother has returned
and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf
because he has him back safe and sound.'
He became angry,
and when he refused to enter the house,
his father came out and pleaded with him.
He said to his father in reply,
'Look, all these years I served you
and not once did I disobey your orders;
yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.
But when your son returns
who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,
for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'
He said to him,
'My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.
But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.'

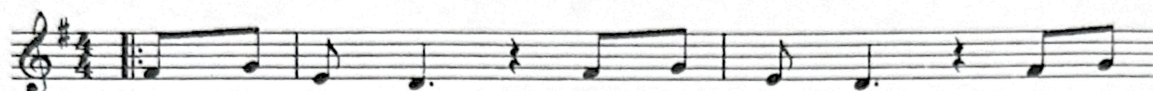
Communion Hymns

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Sacred Silence

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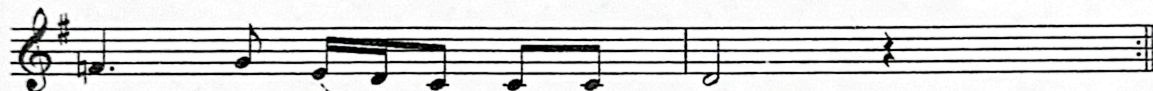
Refrain: Sa - cred si - lence, ho - ly o - cean, gen - tle
Verse 1. God my Fa - ther, Christ my broth - er, Ho - ly
Verse 2. Ho - ly Ma - ry, gen - tle moth - er, God's pure



wa - ter, wash - ing o - ver me; help me
Spir - it, sanc - ti - fy - ing me; Lord, I'm
ves - sel, pray - ing for _____ me; saints and



lis - ten, Ho - ly Spir - it.
sor - ry, please for - give me.
an - gels, all in heav - en,



Come and speak _____ to me. (to Verse 1, 2, and Final)
Come and set _____ me free. (to Refrain)
come and be _____ with me. (to Refrain)

Final



Come and be _____ with me.



Come and speak _____ to me.

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51 Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain



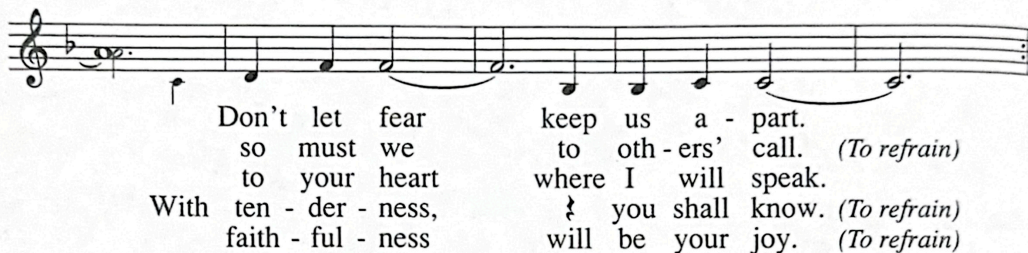
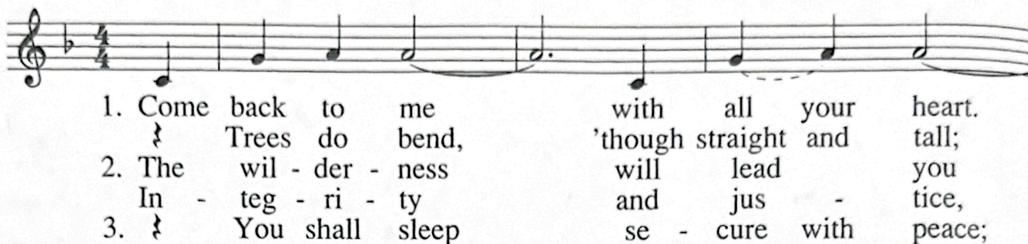
Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to your side.

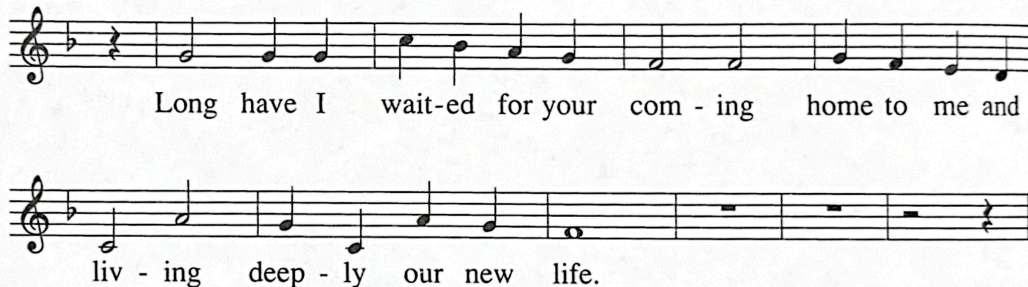
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484 Hosea

Verses



Refrain



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478 Return to God / Volvamos Hoy a Nuestro Dios

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
Vol - va - mos hoy a nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.
gra - cia, bus - can - do su per - dón y le - al - tad.

Verses

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| 1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God. | 1. <i>Día de la salvación,
y tiempo favorable;
caminemos por las sendas de Dios.</i> |
| 2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love. | 2. <i>Quitaré tu corazón de piedra;
te daré un corazón
de amor y compasión.</i> |
| 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. | 3. <i>Si tú rompes vínculos injustos,
y a los presos das libertad;
ofreciendo pan al hambriento,
protección al extraviado;
dando abrigo a quien está
sin techo,
y vestido al desnudo;
surgerà tu luz como la aurora.</i> |

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946
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