

Sunday, April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prayer for the Morning

God is our God, and we are his people: come, let us adore!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn **Meter: 87 87 D**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Though unseen, O Lord, I love you,
Wondrous is your saving might,
Thus to wean my soul so sweetly
From its sinful chief delight:
More you did in one short instant
Than a world could e'er have done,
Winning you a happy dwelling
In this sterile heart of stone.

Canticle **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

See, I am doing something new! / Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? / In the desert I make a way, / in the wasteland, I rivers. (Is 43:19)

In the wasteland of sin, the rivers of God's mercy, flowing from the heart of Christ crucified, wash clean and renew hearts hardened and parched by sin, hearts given over to other treasures than the love of Christ, hearts grown barren and dry.

I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands,
and bring you back to your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you
to cleanse you from all your impurities,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
I will give you a new heart
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.
I will put my spirit within you
and make you live by my statutes,
careful to observe my decrees.
You shall live in the land I gave your fathers;
you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Romans 3:21-24**

Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, though testified to by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no

distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus.

I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus] (Phil 3:12)

Canticle of Zechariah

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

God is faithful to his promises. In hope, we pray:

R/Teach us, O Lord!

That we may learn anew this Lent the depths of your law of love: **R/**

That we may grow this Lent in our fidelity to the covenant into which we were baptized: **R/**

That those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation may know the joy to be found through the renewal of heart you offer: **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O Lord our God, you make new the human race in the mystery of the cross. As we prepare to celebrate this mystery with love and devotion, renew and deepen in us our commitment to the Gospel, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Reading 1 **Isaiah 43:16-21.**

Thus says the Lord,/ who opens a way in the sea/ and a path in the mighty waters,/ who leads out chariots and horsemen,/ a powerful army,/ till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,/ snuffed out and quenched like a wick./ Remember not the events of the past,/ the things of long ago consider not;/ see, I am doing something new!/ Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?/ In the desert I make a way,/ in the wasteland, rivers./ Wild beasts honor me,/ jackals and ostriches,/ for I put water in the desert/ and rivers in the wasteland/ for my chosen people to drink,/ the people whom I formed for myself,/ that they might announce my praise.

Reading 2 **Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have -already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have -indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's -upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started -coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the -middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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