

Lamentations 3:17, 20-26

A reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is deprived of peace,
I have forgotten what happiness is;
Remembering it over and over
leaves my soul downcast within me.

But I will call this to mind,
as my reason to have hope:

The favors of the LORD are not exhausted,
his mercies are not spent;
They are renewed each morning,
so great is his faithfulness.
My portion is the LORD, says my soul;
therefore will I hope in him.

Good is the LORD to one who waits for him,
to the soul that seeks him;
It is good to hope in silence
for the saving help of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:19

A reading from the book of Isaiah

No Longer shall the sun be your light by day,
Nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night;
The Lord shall be your light forever,
Your God shall be your glory.
No longer shall your sun go down,
Or your moon withdraw,
For the Lord will be your light forever.
And the days of your mourning shall be at end.

The word of the Lord.

Micah 6:8

A reading from the book of Micah

“This is what God asks of you, only this:

To act justly,
To love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.”

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the book of Wisdom and Psalm 23

The just ones, though they die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years.

The one thing we can be sure of is that the Lord is our Shepherd. I shall not want. In green pastures He gives me rest; besides restful water He leads me; He refreshes my soul.

Even though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread a table before me in the sight of my foes. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:28-31

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Do you not know
or have you not heard?
The LORD is the eternal God,
creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint nor grow weary,
and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.
He gives strength to the fainting;
for the weak he makes vigor abound.
Though young men faint and grow weary,
and youths stagger and fall,
They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength,
they will soar as with eagles' wings;
They will run and not grow weary,
walk and not grow faint.

The word of the Lord.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 14-15

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock

when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they were
scattered

when it was cloudy and dark.

In good pastures will I pasture them,

and on the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their grazing ground.

There they shall lie down on good grazing ground,
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured
on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep;

I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every thing under the heavens.
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?
I have considered the task that God has appointed
for the sons of men to be busied about.
He has made everything appropriate to its time,
and has put the timeless into their hearts,
without man's ever discovering,
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
And no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if before people indeed, they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

Those who trust in God shall understand truth, and the
faithful shall abide with god in love: Because grace and
mercy are with God's holy ones, and God's care is with his
elect.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead

by the glory of the Father,

we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and
more people
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of
God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all
comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is
eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 14:13

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," said the Spirit,
"let them find rest from their labors,
for their works accompany them."

The word of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1-4

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or
pain,
for the old order has passed away."

The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 13:1 -8a, 13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in human and angelic tongues
but do not have love,
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
And if I have the gift of prophecy
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away everything I own,
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.
It is not jealous, is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it
does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.

So Faith, Hope, Love remain, these three;
But the greatest of these is Love.

The word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who have fallen asleep,
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no
hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of
God,
will come down from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:11-12

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

You can depend on this:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we Hold out to the end
we shall also reign with him.

The word of the Lord.

Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because
of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus answered:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6:37-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my Flesh
for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,

"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
Blood,

you do not have life within you.

He who eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood

has eternal life,

and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,

and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood

remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me

and I have life because of the Father,

so also whoever feeds on me

will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,

he who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 12:23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life will lose it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,

and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 14:1-6

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus says:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Have faith in God

and faith in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places;

otherwise, how could I have told you

that I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you,

and then I shall come back to take you with me,

that where I am you also may be.

You know the way that leads to where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus told him:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life;

no one comes to the Father but through me."

The word of the Lord.

John 14:27-31a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me tell you,

'I am going away and I will come back to you.'

If you loved me,

you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;

for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens,

so that when it happens you may believe.

In a little while, the world will see me no more,

But you will see me;

And because I live,

You also will live.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful #1

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For N. , who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of saints.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For our brother/sister, who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For the family and friends of our brother/sister N., that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of His friend Lazarus.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's Kingdom.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful #2

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: In Baptism N. received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: Our brother/sister N. was nourished at the table of the Lord. Welcome him/her into the halls of Your heavenly banquet.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: For the family and friends of N. who seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness.
We pray to the Lord....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

READER: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N.
Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.
We pray to the Lord.....
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the Faithful #3

READER: Our Response is: *Lord, hear our Prayer.*
Assembly: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That our (brother/sister) in Christ, n. , who was made a child of God through Baptism, may enter into the fullness of life with all the saints, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That n's. family may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their grief, *we pray to the Lord....*

That n's friends may cherish (her/his) memory while keeping (his/her) spirit alive, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That n's parents(?) relatives and friends, who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, may see God face to face, *we pray to the Lord.....*

That we follow n's example of caring for and helping those who suffer unjustly, *we pray to the Lord....*

That each of us gathered here today to celebrate n's new life in Christ, may feel the power and the joy of Jesus' resurrection, *we pray to the Lord....*