

March 3, 2024: The 3rd Sunday of Lent**First Reading****Exodus 20:1-17**

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides Me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate Me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep My commandments. “You shall not take the Name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes His Name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

OR:**Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17**

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“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.

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Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Reading**John 2:13-25**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves He said, "Take these out of here, and stop making My Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for Your house will consume me.*

At this the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign can You show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. Therefore, when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in His Name when they saw the signs He was doing. But Jesus would not trust Himself to them because He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He Himself understood it well.

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March 10, 2024: The 4th Sunday of Lent**First Reading****2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send His messengers to them, for He had compassion on His people and His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His warnings, and scoffed at His prophets, until the anger of the LORD against His people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah:

"Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and He has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of His people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon
we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the aspens of that land
we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us
the lyrics of our songs,
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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Second Reading
Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, Who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ —by grace you have been saved—, raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

Gospel Reading
John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the Name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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March 17, 2024: The 5th Sunday of Lent**First Reading****Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15****R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;
in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from Your Presence,
and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of Your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners shall return to You.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**Second Reading****Hebrews 5:7-9**

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, He offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the One Who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Gospel Reading**John 12:20-33**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "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 loses 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. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your Name." Then a voice came from Heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This Voice did not come for My sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself." He said this indicating the kind of death He would die.

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March 19, 2024: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**First Reading****2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16**

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

“Go, tell My servant David, ‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before Me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29****R. (37) The son of David will live for ever.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness,

For You have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in Heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness.

R. The son of David will live for ever.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David My servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.”

R. The son of David will live for ever.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”

R. The son of David will live for ever.Gospel readings source: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/Find fun, free, and faithful children’s activities including our Mass Prep videos at HolyHeroes.com/MassPrep

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Second Reading

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Brothers and sisters:

It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus Who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with Child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her. She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus,

because He will save His people from their sins.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

OR:

Luke 2:41-51a

Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety.” And He said to them, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?” But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

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March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday**(page 1)****At the Procession with Palms - Gospel Reading****Mark 11:1-10**

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'"

So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And He sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding Him as well as those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

OR: John 12:12-16

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:

Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.

His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done this for Him.

At the Mass - First Reading**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24****R. (2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me,
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them,
and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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Second Reading

Phillipians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself,

becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every Name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47

This Gospel is typically read by multiple readers. It is divided into four parts: Christ (✝), Narrator (N.), Voice (V.), and the Crowd (C.). The Crowd parts are read aloud by the people in the congregation.

✝ The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest Him by treachery and put Him to death. They said,

C. **"Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."**

N. When He was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

C. **"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."**

N. They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, ✝ "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for Me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have Me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing My body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand Him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand Him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, C. **"Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"**

N. He sent two of His disciples and said to them,

✝ "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

N. The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He came with the Twelve.

And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

✝ "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me."

N. They began to be distressed and to say to Him, one by one,

V. "Surely it is not I?"

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March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday**(page 3)****N.** He said to them,

✝ “One of the Twelve, the one who dips with Me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

N. While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

✝ “Take it; this is My Body.”

N. Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, ✝ “This is My Blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.”

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✝ “All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.* But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”

N. Peter said to Him,

V. “Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be.”

N. Then Jesus said to him,

✝ “Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny Me three times.”

N. But he vehemently replied,

V. “Even though I should have to die with You, I will not deny You.”

N. And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples,

✝ “Sit here while I pray.”

N. He took with Him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then He said to them,

✝ “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.”

N. He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by Him; He said,

✝ “Abba, Father, all things are possible to You. Take this cup away from Me, but not what I will but what You will.”

N. When He returned He found them asleep. He said to Peter,

✝ “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”

N. Withdrawing again, He prayed, saying the same thing. Then He returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer Him. He returned a third time and said to them,

✝ “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

N. Then, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

V. “The man I shall kiss is the One; arrest Him and lead Him away securely.”

He came and immediately went over to Him and said,

V. “Rabbi.”

N. And he kissed Him. At this they laid hands on Him and arrested Him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

✝ “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize Me? Day after day I was with You teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest Me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”

N. And they all left Him and fled. Now a young man followed Him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

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They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed Him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put Him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against Him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against Him, alleging,

C. "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

N. Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against You?"

But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said to Him,

V. "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"

N. Then Jesus answered,

✦ "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of Heaven.'"

N. At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

V. "What further need have we further need of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

N. They all condemned Him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him and said to Him,

C. "Prophesy!"

N. And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

V. "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

N. But he denied it saying,

V. "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

N. So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

V. "This man is one of them."

N. Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

C. "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

N. He began to curse and to swear,

V. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."

N. And immediately a cock crowed a second time.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

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N. For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

V. “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?”

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N. Those who were crucified with Him also kept abusing Him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

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Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing Him saw how He breathed His last He said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!” There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed Him when He was in Galilee and ministered to Him. There were also many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

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When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the Kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died.

And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus watched where He was laid.

OR:**Mark 15:1-39**

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First Reading**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

“You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree. This Man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the One appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His Name.”

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23****R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.****or:****R. Alleluia.**Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

“His mercy endures forever.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**or:****R. Alleluia.**“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.”

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**or:****R. Alleluia.**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Second Reading**Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory.

OR:

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our Paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat
stupendous:

The Prince of life, Who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, Who is living,

The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee He goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading**John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put Him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead.

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