

Psalms, readings and collect

Date:

7th March – Lent II

Saturday

Psalm:

(3) LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! : many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(25) UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.
4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.
11 What man is he that feareth the Lord : him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
12 His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.
13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him : and he will shew them his covenant.
14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate and in misery.
16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring thou me out of my troubles.
17 Look upon my adversity and misery : and forgive me all my sin.
18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are : and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
19 O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Collect of the day:

Almighty God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; in and through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.