

THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON SATURDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Hosea 6:1–6

Luke 18:9–14

Psalm 51:15–20

Preface of Lent

THE COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT: HOSEA 6:1–6

“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

PSALM 51:15–20

15. Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
16. Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
17. Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
18. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
19. Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20. Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9–14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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