

THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON MONDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Isaiah 65:17–25

John 4:43–54

Psalms 30:1–6, 11–13

Preface of Lent

THE COLLECT

O Lord our God, in your holy Sacraments you have given us a foretaste of the good things of your kingdom: Direct us, we pray, in the way that leads to eternal life, that we may come to appear before you in that place of light where you dwell for ever with your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 65:17–25

I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

PSALM 30:1–6, 11–13

1. I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
3. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
4. Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
5. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
6. Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
11. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
12. You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 4:43–54

When the two days were over, Jesus went from that place to Galilee (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country). When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival.

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

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