

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. All: Thanks be to God. March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



#### Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* **because of my groaning all day long.** 

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* **my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.** 

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \* Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful \* will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, \* they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* **but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.** 

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.



Deuxième Lecture 2 Corinthiens 5:16-21

LECTURE DE LA DEUXIÈME LETTRE DE PAUL AUX CORINTHIENS.

Voilà pourquoi nous ne considérons plus personne d'une manière purement humaine. Même si, autrefois, nous avons considéré le Christ d'une manière humaine, maintenant nous ne le considérons plus ainsi. Ainsi, si quelqu'un est uni au Christ, il est une nouvelle création : ce qui est ancien a disparu, une réalité nouvelle est là. Tout cela vient de Dieu, qui nous a réconciliés avec lui par le Christ, et qui nous a confié la tâche d'en amener d'autres à la réconciliation avec lui : en effet, par le Christ, Dieu agissait pour réconcilier le monde avec lui, sans tenir compte des fautes des humains. Et il nous a établis pour annoncer cette œuvre de réconciliation.

Nous sommes donc des ambassadeurs envoyés par le Christ, et c'est comme si Dieu lui-même adressait son appel par nous : nous vous en supplions, au nom du Christ, laissez-vous réconcilier avec Dieu. Le Christ était sans péché, mais Dieu l'a chargé de notre péché, afin que, unis à lui, nous soyons rendus justes devant Dieu.

Sainte Parole, Sainte Sagesse Nous rendons Grâce à Dieu.



Gospel Luke 15:1-2. 11B-32

**God be with you.** All: And also with you.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands."'

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then 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 slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.



Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### The Gospel of Christ!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



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