



OPENING PRAYER

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

Gospel: John 2:13-25 [Year B] *FOR SCRUTINIES, YEAR A - JOHN 4:5-42: WOMAN AT THE WELL

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.

Jesus drives the moneychangers out from the Temple. We worship together at church to receive God's grace. What part of the Mass are you aware of God's grace? Jesus' miracles are called signs, and people wanted proof of His authority. In what ways do we expect signs from God? Outside of church, where else do you experience Christ's presence?

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17 [Year B]

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."

Moses is given the Ten Commandments, which become the fundamental laws given by God. His commandments reveal that He protects His people. What else is revealed about God's nature? Moses reiterates these commandments before the people enter the promised land. How would disobedience impact future generations in their relationship and oneness with God?

Notes

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 [Year B]

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.

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians. While God sent Christ to the cross, it manifested what looked to be weakness and absurdity. Yet God alone manifests power in this situation. In what ways have you experienced God's presence in a moment that seemed to be a stumbling block? How did this contribute to your spiritual growth and trust in God? What can you do to be more aware of God's presence in your life?

Feast days this week

SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MONDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY [SAINT CASIMIR]
TUESDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY
WEDNESDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY
THURSDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY [SAINTS PERPETUA & FELICITY]
FRIDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY [SAINT JOHN OF GOD]
SATURDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY [SAINT FRANCIS OF ROME]

Did you know?

The readings during the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent may be taken from Year A. They are recommended at Liturgies each year when celebrating the Scrutinies of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Woman at the Well - First Scrutiny

John 4:3-42

The Man born Blind - Second Scrutiny

John 9:1-41

The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

Third Scrutiny

John 11:1-44

reflect

In challenging situations, am I sensitive to God's presence?

pray

Father God, may I appreciate all that You do to keep me close to You. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

live

Have faith knowing God never leaves your side and that He is in every part of your life.