

**Fourth "Laetare"  
Sunday of Lent**

**"Mothering "  
Sunday"**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2025**



**Mass readings:**

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**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66: 10-11**

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

Lord Jesus, You are the way that beckons us to follow:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Christ Jesus, you speak words of peace when we are afraid;

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light and in you there is no darkness:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Collect**

O God, who through your Word

reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,

grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith

the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

**First reading Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R cf. 18b**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

*I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.*

**Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, 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 is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in 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 into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, 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 still a long way off, his father saw him and felt 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 fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older 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 these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." '

### **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayer of the Faithful** (Bidding Prayers)

The reader says: Lord, in your mercy. **All reply:** Hear our prayer.

**Prayer over the Offerings**

We place before you with joy these offerings,  
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them  
and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Our Father**, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

**Communion Antiphon**

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

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My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I  
love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,  
illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace,  
that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty  
and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

**Prayer over the People**

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,  
and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light  
to those who walk in the shadow of death,  
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil  
to reach the highest good.