

Fourth Sunday in Lent C

27 March 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12 (Year C)

A reading from the book of Joshua

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river,
and entered the promised land,
the Lord said to Joshua,
"Today I have rolled away from you
the disgrace of Egypt."

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34 (Year C)

R. Taste and See the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise continually shall be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

O, magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears. **R.**

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried; and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Year C)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

All this is from God,

who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us;
we entreat you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18 (Year C)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Year C)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

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 a 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 the father 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.

The young man 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.
The slave replied, 'Your brother has come,
and your father has killed the fatted calf,
because he has got him back safe and sound.'

"Then the elder son 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.