

ENTRANCE HYMN

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

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1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540-604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906; Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, alt.

FIRST READING

JI 2:12-18

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The Word of the Lord

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PS 51:3-4,5-6ab,12-13,14,17****R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R/**

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." **R/**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R/**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R/**

SECOND READING**2 COR 5:20-6:2**

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: *In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.* Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The Word of the Lord**R/ Thanks be to God****ALLELUIA****PS 95:8**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**GOSPEL****Mt 6:1-6,16-18**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord**R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

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ASHES

Tom Conry



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we of - fer you at -
3. Then raise us up from ash - es, your heal - ing ease our
4. Give thanks to God the Fa - ther, who gave us life and



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, re - deemed, O Lord, by
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly
3. pain. Though spring has turned to win - ter, and sun - shine turned to
4. breath. Give thanks to Christ our Sav - ior, who saved us by his



1. you. Our pen - ance, Lord, our sor - row, our griev - ing hearts re -
2. dreamt. Our stum - blings, give di - rec - tion, our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain, your rain will nur - ture grow - ing and cre - ate our world a -
4. death, who, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, cre - ates the world a -



1. new, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
2. view, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
3. new—an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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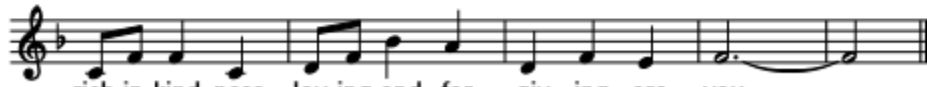
OFFERTORY HYMN

PSALM 103: LOVING AND FORGIVING

Scott Soper



Lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you, O Lord; slow to an - ger,



rich in kind - ness, lov - ing and for - giv - ing are you.

All my being, bless the
Lord, bless the holy
name of God.
All my being, bless the
Lord, remembr'ing the
goodness of God.

God forgives us all our
sins, healing those who
live in pain, saving us
from final death.
God fills us with goodness
and love.

Good and gracious is the
Lord, slow to anger, rich
in love.
God remembers not our
sins; forgiving and loving
is God.

COMMUNION HYMN - REMEMBER YOUR LOVE

Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Verses



1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
2. If you dwelt, O Lord, up - on our sin - ful - ness,
3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call
4. As watch - man who waits up - on the day - light,
5. Be - fore all the moun - tains were be - got - ten



whom should I fear? The Lord is my
then who could stand? But with you there is
and an - swer me. My heart cries
wait for the Lord. I trust in your
and earth took shape, e - ven then, O



life and my ref - uge, when I call God hears.
mer - cy and for - give - ness and a guid - ing hand.
out for your pres - ence; it is you I seek.
kind - ness and re - demp - tion; and your faith - ful word.
Lord, you were our ref - uge through - out ev - 'ry age.

D.C.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

IN THESE DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Refrain



In these days of Len - ten jour - ney we have seen and we have heard



the call to sow jus - tice in the lives of those we serve.

We reach out to those who are homeless, to those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams; we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

We open our eyes to the hungry and see the faces of Christ. As we nourish all people who hunger for food, may their faith in our God be renewed.

We open our ears to the weary and hear the cry of the poor. To the voices that echo the song of despair, we will show our compassion and care.

