



LECTIONARY

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:15-17,3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 32

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

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

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all

day long.

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

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

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

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Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

10 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.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *"The Glory of these Forty Days"* #143

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Prayers of the People

After the lay leader has said the first prayer, please feel free, as the spirit moves you, to say the next prayer. If two or more start together please continue together

Please respond to each prayer with the phrase: **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray to God, whose Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, taught us to be humble in our piety: We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop Kirk; Fr. Victor, and Fr. Donne. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: As Jesus stood firmly against the temptation of Satan, we ask God to guide and bless our Diocese. Especially the Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley, AZ and the Anglican Communion Church of North India. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Just as Abram showed his faith in God, we pray for Sierra Vista that we may open our hearts with faith to welcome, respect and care for each other.

Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: As the Father of the Prodigal Son forgave him and was reconciled to his son, we pray that you will guide world leaders to ways of Justice and reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Help us to be aware and accountable for the environment around us. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Help us to recognize your divine face in the eyes of all who are suffering. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: Remembering that Jesus told his disciples to follow Him and minister to the sick, poor and those in mourning: let us pray for those we now name--either aloud or silently in our hearts (pause). Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

Leader: As Jesus responded to Mary and Martha when Lazarus died, we pray for our departed loved ones--especially those we now name, either silently or aloud (pause). Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy (pause).

Response: **Hear our prayer!**