

upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

The Gospel of Christ
R/ Praise be to thee, O Christ

THE WORD OF THE LORD : TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

At the Solemn Eucharist at Eleven o'clock

SEXAGESIMA

INTROIT : Psalm 44:24-27; Tone I,2



- 24 Up, Lord, why sleep-**est** thou? :
 awake, and be not absent from **us** for ëv-ër.
- 25 Wherefore hidest thou **thy** face :
 and forgettest our mise-**ry** and tröu-blë?
- 26 For our soul is brought low, even unto **the** dust :
 our body cleaveth **un**-to thë gröund.
- 27 Arise, and **help** us : and deliver us **for** thy mër-cy's säke.

Glory be to the father, and to **the** Son : and **to** the Holy Ghöst :
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, world with-**out**
 end. Ä-mën.

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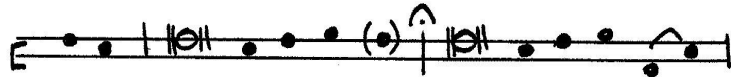
First Lesson: Genesis 3.9-19

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule

over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

PSALM for Sexagesima 83:1-2, 13-18; Tone IV,5



- 1 O God, keep **not** still si-lence :
 hold not thy peace, and be **not** qui-et, O Göd.
- 2 For lo, thine enemies **make** a mur-mur_-ing :
 and they that hate thee **have** lift up their heäd.
- 13 O my God, make them like unto the **whirl**-ing dust :
 and as **the** chaff be-fore_ the wind;
- 14 Like as the fire that burneth **up** the for-est :
 and as the flame that setteth **the** moun-tains a-bläze;
- 15 Pursue them even so **with** thy tem-pest :
 and make them **a**-fraid with thy störm.
- 16 Make their fa-ces a-sham-ed :
 that they **may** seek thy Name,_ O Lörd.
- 17 Let them be confounded and dismay-**ed** for ev-er :
 let them be put **to** shame and per-ish.
- 18 And let them know that thou, even thou only, whose Name
is the Lord : art the Most **High** o-ver all the eärth.

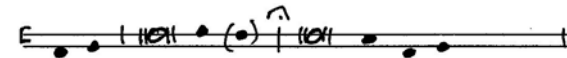
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 11.21b-31

Whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman—I am a better one: with far greater labours, far more imprisonments, with countless

floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he for ever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas set a guard on the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

The word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

GRADUAL : Psalm 17.6-9; *Tone II,1*



- 6 I HAVE calléd upon thee, O God, for thou shalt **hear** me :
 incline thine ear to me, and hearken un-**to** my words.
- 7 Show ty marvelous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of
 them that put thy trust in **thee** : from such as resist **thy** right hand.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of an **eye** : hide me under the sha-**dow** of
 thy wings,
- 9 From the ungodly that **trou**-ble me :
 even mine enemies that compass me round about to take a-way
 my soul.

Gospel: Luke 8.4-15

R/ Glory be to thee, O Lord

And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell