

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

LENT 4 – MOTHERING SUNDAY
(READINGS SET 2)

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exo 2.1–10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him

Moses, ‘because,’ she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 103



℟. The Lord is compassion and love.

(All repeat)



O my soul | bless the Lord,
and all my being, bless his | holy name.
O my soul | bless the Lord,
and forget not | all his love. ℟.

He forgives you | all your guilt,
and heals your | every ill,
redeems your life | from the grave,
crowns you with friend-|ship and love. ℟.

The Lord is full of compass-|ion and love,
slow to anger, | rich in grace.
He has not dealt with us af-|ter our sins,
nor repaid us for | all our faults. ℟.

As far as east is | from the west,
so far does he re-|move our sins.
As a father has pity | on his sons,
so the Lord has mercy | on his own. ℟.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 1.3–7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings

that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 12.50

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven: is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 19.25-27

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, Lord, the sacrifice we offer you, and grant that our families may be secure in your grace and your peace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**