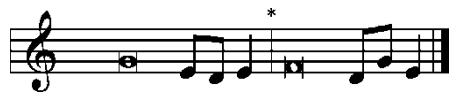


Introit

A For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,* that I may walk before God in the light of life.



C When I am afraid,* I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

What can flesh do to me?

In God, whose word I praise,* in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

What can man do to me?

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,* that I may walk before God in the light of life.

(Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13)

Collect of the Day

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament – Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!

"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall.

"Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Gradual

A Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,* and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate,* and I will declare your greatness.

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Epistle - Romans 6:12–23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 10:5a, 21–33



Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”



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