

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 – fourth Sunday in lent

### Prayer

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you;  
All things pass: God never changes.  
Patience achieves all it strives for.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing,  
God alone suffices.

(Found on a bookmark in a prayer book belonging to St. Teresa of Avila)

### Lectionary Reading

John 19: 25-27 (Good News Bible)

<sup>25</sup> Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "He is your son."

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "She is your mother." From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

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| 1 | O Love divine, what have you done!<br>The immortal God has died for me!<br>The Father's co-eternal Son<br>bore all my sins upon the tree;<br>the immortal God for me has died!<br>My Lord, my Love is crucified.  | 2 | O look on him, as you pass by;<br>the wounded Prince of Life and peace!<br>Come, sinners, see your Maker die,<br>and say, was ever grief like his?<br>Come, feel with me his blood applied:<br>my Lord, my Love is crucified:    |
| 3 | Is crucified for me and you<br>to bring us rebels back to God:<br>believe, believe the record true,<br>we all are saved by Jesu's blood!<br>Pardon for all flows from his side:<br>my Lord, my Love is crucified. | 4 | Then let us stand beneath the cross,<br>and feel his love a healing stream,<br>all things for him account but loss,<br>and give up all our hearts to him;<br>of nothing think or speak beside:<br>my Lord, my Love is crucified. |

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

## Psalm 34: 11-20

### In Praise of God's Goodness

- 11 Come, my young friends, and listen to me,  
and I will teach you to honour the LORD.
- 12 Would you like to enjoy life?  
Do you want long life and happiness?
- 13 Then hold back from speaking evil  
and from telling lies.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;  
strive for peace with all your heart.
- 15 The LORD watches over the righteous  
and listens to their cries;
- 16 but he opposes those who do evil,  
so that when they die, they are soon forgotten.
- 17 The righteous call to the LORD, and he listens;  
he rescues them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to those who are discouraged;  
he saves those who have lost all hope.
- 19 Good people suffer many troubles,  
but the LORD saves them from them all;
- 20 the LORD preserves them completely;  
not one of their bones is broken.

### Prayer of the Day

The blessing of the night, O Lord, you have given us for rest and the gift of the day to praise your glory. Keep us each day from all sin, protect us in the hour of temptation and guide us with the light of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Lord God

You speak to us in so many ways,  
in your word, and in our worship,  
in the bustle of our daily lives  
and in the silences.

You speak to us in the ordinary  
and the extraordinary  
in the expected and the unexpected,  
and always with love.

Help us to listen for you,  
so that we may respond to your call  
whenever and wherever it comes. **Amen**

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