

## March 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 – fourth week of 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

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (Good News Bible)

### Gifts from the Holy Spirit

<sup>1</sup>Now, concerning what you wrote about the gifts from the Holy Spirit. I want you to know the truth about them, my brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup>You know that while you were still heathen, you were led astray in many ways to the worship of lifeless idols. <sup>3</sup>I want you to know that no one who is led by God's Spirit can say "A curse on Jesus!" and no one can confess "Jesus is Lord", without being guided by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. <sup>5</sup>There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. <sup>6</sup>There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. <sup>7</sup>The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. <sup>8</sup>The Spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge. <sup>9</sup>One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal. <sup>10</sup>The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles; to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the Spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. <sup>11</sup>But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person.

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| <p>1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,<br/>for by his power each tree and flower was<br/>planned and made.<br/>Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;<br/>sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is<br/>Lord!<br/><i>Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!</i><br/><i>Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus</i><br/><i>is Lord!</i></p> <p>3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,<br/>from death he rose; and all his foes shall own<br/>his name.<br/>Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit<br/>to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.<br/><i>Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!</i><br/><i>Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus</i><br/><i>is Lord!</i></p> | <p>2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal<br/>in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.<br/>Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding —<br/>yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free.<br/><i>Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!</i><br/><i>Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus</i><br/><i>is Lord!</i></p> |
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David John Mansell (b. 1936)

## Psalm 19

### God's Glory in Creation

- 1       How clearly the sky reveals God's glory!  
          How plainly it shows what he has done!
- 2       Each day announces it to the following day;  
          each night repeats it to the next.
- 3       No speech or words are used,  
          no sound is heard;
- 4       yet their message goes out to all the world  
          and is heard to the ends of the earth.  
          God made a home in the sky for the sun;
- 5       it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom,  
          like an athlete eager to run a race.
- 6       It starts at one end of the sky  
          and goes across to the other.  
          Nothing can hide from its heat.

### The Law of the LORD

- 7       The law of the LORD is perfect;  
          it gives new strength.  
          The commands of the LORD are trustworthy,  
          giving wisdom to those who lack it.
- 8       The laws of the LORD are right,  
          and those who obey them are happy.  
          The commands of the LORD are just  
          and give understanding to the mind.
- 9       Reverence for the LORD is good;  
          it will continue for ever.  
          The judgements of the LORD are just;  
          they are always fair.
- 10      They are more desirable than the finest gold;  
          they are sweeter than the purest honey.
- 11      They give knowledge to me, your servant;  
          I am rewarded for obeying them.
- 12      No one can see his own errors;  
          deliver me, LORD, from hidden faults!
- 13      Keep me safe, also, from wilful sins;  
          don't let them rule over me.  
          Then I shall be perfect  
          and free from the evil of sin.
- 14      May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you,  
          O LORD, my refuge and my redeemer!

## Prayer of the Day

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we may be faithful to your gospel in our witness, attentive to your voice in our prayers and sensitive to your presence in our neighbour; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Veronese Libelli, 6<sup>th</sup> century

Comfort us, Lord

with the awareness of your presence in the beginnings of new opportunities;  
with the awareness of your presence in the heights of mountainous experiences;  
with the awareness of your presence in the middle of the crisis;  
with the awareness of your presence in the bleakness of the darkest night;  
with the awareness of your presence in the ordinariness of the everyday.

Comfort us Lord. **Amen**

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