

Scripture for Lent Vespers 5, 2021

4. The Psalmody - PSALM 32 - Selected Verses

Antiphon

♪ You are `my hiding place;/ You shall preserve `me from trouble;

Psalm

I acknowledged `my sin to You./ And my iniquity I `have not hidden.

I said, “I will confess my transgress`ions to the Lord,”/ And You forgave the iniquity `of my sin.

For this cause everyone who is godly `shall pray to You/ In a time when `You may be found;

Surely in a flood `of great waters/ They shall `not come near him.

You are `my hiding place;/ You shall preserve `me from trouble;

You `shall surround me/ with songs of `deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be `to the wicked;/ But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy `shall surround him.

Glory be to the Father ‘and to the Son / and to ‘the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the be-`ginning, is now / and ever shall be, forever’more. Amen

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5. The Lessons

I Peter 4

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. 16 Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

P: ♪ O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

Mark 15:

20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. 22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take *it*. 24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them *to determine* what every man should take.

25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. 26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 [e]So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”

29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! *You* who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.”

Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

35 Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!” 36 Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”

37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

38 Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that [g]He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, 41 who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

The Explanation to the Second Article, #5

