

Rite II, p. 60

1. **The Entrance Hymn: #250:1-2.** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Please stand at the last verse)

2. **The Invocation, p 60**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. ♪ **Amen.**

3. **The Confession and Absolution, Rite I, p 60**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. ♪ **Who made heav' n and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name? **I do.**

Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you! **Amen.**

4, 5. **Introit/Gloria Patri**

♪ He shall call upon Me, and I 'will answer him,/ I will deliver him 'and honor him.

With long life I 'will satisfy him/ and show him 'My Salvation.

He that dwells in the secret place 'of the Most High/ shall abide under the shadow of 'the Almighty.

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.

6. **The Kyrie Eleison, p. 63**

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

7. **Hymn #289:5-6**

♪ **Je-sus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died;**

My guilty conscience seeks No Sacrifice beside.

His pow'rful blood did once atone; And now it pleads before the throne.

My Advocate appears For my defense on high,

The Father bows His ear, And lays His anger by.

Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love away.

8. The Salutation, p. 66

The Lord be with you. ♪ **And with your spirit.**

9. The Collect, p. 66

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

10. Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:13–31

And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

11. Gradual

♪ Christ humbled himself and became obedient to ‘the point of death./ **Even the ‘death of the cross.**

12. Epistle: II Corinthians 6:1–10

We then, *as workers together with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. For

He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

13. The Verse

♪ Lord, by Your cross and resurrection, You 'have set us free./ **You are the Sav-ior of the world.**

14. Gospel: The holy Gospel for the first Sunday in Lent is recorded in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

15. The Nicene Creed

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

16. The Chief Hymn: #252, "I Walk In Danger All the Way"

17. Sermon text and theme: Exodus 14:13-31, "Jesus Is the Way Out"

18. The Offertory verse:

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

18b. Offering: As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #445:1,2

♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

19. The Prayer of the Church

The Hymn of Preparation: #313:1,6,11, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

The Exhortation

20. The Preface

The Lord be with you. ♪ **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

21. Proper Preface and Sanctus:

It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God (*prayer of the season prayed by the pastor...*) Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

23. The Lord's Prayer: ♪ **Our Father ...**

24. The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

25. The Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always. ♪ **:Amen**

26. Agnus Dei

♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

28. The Nunc Dimittis,

♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

29. The Collect of Thanksgiving I

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **Amen.**

31. The Salutation

The Lord be with you. ♪ **And with your spirit.**

32. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

33. The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give + you peace. ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

34. The Closing Hymn: #250:3-4