The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Laetare*

*March 10, 2024*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

**Catechesis Notes for the week** **– “Rejoice…” –** The Latin title for this week in Lent is “Laetare” which means “rejoice.” It is taken from the Introit for the Sunday, “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her.” Whenever we encounter references to the city of Jerusalem within the psalter, we may safely apply the references to the Church today. So, Isaiah and David in this week’s introit are calling us to “rejoice with the church of Jesus Christ and be glad with her. We love the church because it is the place of our Lord’s saving presence. By Word and Sacrament the church is the dispenser of Christ’s saving gifts. We are glad to enter into the congregation of the faithful to receive His gifts and we pray for the Church’s peace and safety.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her;

that you may feed and be satisfied with the consolation of her bosom.

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.”

For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will now say, “Peace be with- | in you.”

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 122**

**New Testament Stories Year II – Lent in Gospel of Mark**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Laetare Gospel – John 6:1-15 |
| Monday | Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin – Mark 14:53-72 |
| Tuesday | Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – Mark 15:1-15 |
| Wednesday | **Lenten Midweek – Christ Handed Over Willingly – John 10:14-18** |
| Thursday | The king of the Jews is Mocked – Mark 15:16-32 |
| Friday | Jesus’ Death and Burial – Mark 15:33-47 |
| Saturday | Judica OT – Genesis 22:1-14 |

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| **Catechism: Table of Duties: What Hearers Owe Their Pastors: First Half**  *(Preschool and Kindergarten children review the primary texts of the first three commandments)* | **Grades** |
| *What does God’s Word say the hearers of God’s Word owe their pastors?*  The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. | 1st+  1 Corinthians 9:14 |
| Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. | 2nd+  Galatians 6:6-7 |
| The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” | 3rd+  1 Timothy 35:17-18 |