

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

**1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5**

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but *we for an imperishable crown*. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

**St. Matthew 20:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

<sup>2</sup>“Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>“And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>“and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>“Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

<sup>6</sup>“And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’ <sup>8</sup>“So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>“And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>“But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. <sup>11</sup>“And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>“saying, ‘These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ <sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>‘Take *what is* yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you. <sup>15</sup>‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ <sup>16</sup>“So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

**SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY (VIOLET)****Introit.**

*Ant.* THE SOR- || rows of death compassed | me | - :  
the sorrows of hell compassed | me | a- | bout.

|| In my distress, I called upon the | LORD | - :  
and He heard my voice out of | His | tem- | ple.

*Psalm.* || I will love Thee, O LORD my | Strength | - :  
the Lord is my Rock and | my | For- | tress.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5****Gospel. Matthew 20:1—16****Additional reading: Jeremiah 1:4—10****Gradual.**

|| The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of | trou- | ble:  
and they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou,  
LORD, hast not forsaken them | that | seek | Thee.

|| For the needy shall not always be for- | got- | ten:  
the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD; let  
not | man | pre- | vail.

*Tract.* || Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, | O | LORD:  
LORD, | hear | my | voice.

Septuagesima

16. Salvation unto Us Has Come

Paul Speratus, 1523 ab. Comp. Tr. 1910

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

J. Walther, 1524

1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By  
 2. What God doth in His Law de - mand No  
 3. It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That

God's free grace and fa - vor, Good works can - not a -  
 man to Him can ren - der, And so He draws His  
 God His Law had gi - ven For us to keep and

vert our doom, They help and save us ne - ver.  
 fla - ming brand To pu - nish the of - fen - der.  
 mer - it claim And earn our way to hea - ven.

Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone,  
 Our flesh has not those pure de - sires  
 God's Law is but a mir - ror bright

Who did for all the world a - tone;  
 Which first of all the Law re - quires,  
 To bring the in - bred sin to sight,

He is the Me - di - a - tor.  
 We are in con - dem - na - tion.  
 That lurks with - in our na - ture. A - men.

4. By our own strength to put aside  
 God's wrath, and win His blessing  
 Is useless task, by many tried,  
 Is only guilt increasing.  
 For God hypocrisy abhors;  
 Flesh with the spirit ever wars,  
 For 'tis by nature evil.

7. Not doubting this, I trust in Thee,  
 Thy Word cannot be broken;  
 Thou all dost call, "Come unto me!"  
 No falsehood hast Thou spoken.  
 "He that believes and is baptized,  
 He shall be saved," say'st Thou, O Christ,  
 "And he shall never perish."

5. And yet, the Law fulfilled must be  
 Or we were lost forever;  
 Therefore God sent His Son that He  
 Might us from death deliver;  
 He all the Law for us fulfilled,  
 And thus His Father's anger stilled  
 Which over us impended.

8. He's just 'fore God, and he alone,  
 Who by this faith is living;  
 This faith will by good works be known,  
 To God the glory giving;  
 Faith gives thee peace with God above,  
 But thou thy neighbor too wilt love,  
 If thou art a new creature.

6. Since Christ hath full atonement made  
 And brought to us salvation,  
 Each Christian therefore may be glad  
 And build on this foundation.  
 Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
 Thy death my life now is indeed,  
 For Thou hast paid my ransom.

9. The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
 And makes man conscience-stricken;  
 The Gospel then doth enter in  
 The sinful soul to quicken.  
 Come to the Cross, trust Christ and live;  
 The Law to you no peace can give  
 With all its good endeavors.

10. From faith in Christ, when'er 'tis right,  
 Good works are surely flowing;  
 The faith is dead that shuns the light,  
 No good works ever showing.  
 By faith alone the just shall live,  
 Good works alone the proof can give  
 Of love, which true faith worketh.