

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." ¹³So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur *are* with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷The sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

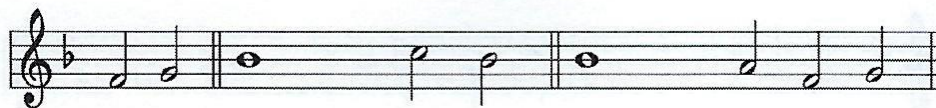
St. Matthew 12:38-50

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹"The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it,

because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. ⁴²"The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

⁴³"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴"Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵"Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

⁴⁶While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." ⁴⁸But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰"For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

WEDNESDAY OF EMBER WEEK IN LENT (VIOLET)**PSALM IIII/27****Introit.**

Ant. RE-MEM- || ber, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving | *kind-ness-* | es: for they have been ev- | er | of | old.

Psalm. || Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in | Thee | -: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph | ov- | er | me.

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.

Mercifully hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty against all our enemies, 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. Exodus 24:12-18**Gospel. Matthew 12:38-50****Gradual.**

|| O Lord, the troubles of my heart are en- | larged | -:

O bring thou me out of my | dis- | tress- | es.

|| Look upon mine affliction and | my | pain:

and forgive | all | my | sins.

Invocavit - 1st Sunday in Lent
 20. O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

Anon. Latin, 8th Century

L. M.
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1. O Christ, who art the light and day,
 2. All - ho - ly Lord, to Thee we bend,
 3. Let not dull sleep the soul oppress,
 4. Light slum - bers let our eye - lids take,
 5. O Lord, our strong de - fense, be nigh;
 6. Re - mem - ber us, dear Lord, we pray,

Thy beams chase night's dark shades a - way;
 Thy ser - vants through this night de - fend,
 Nor se - cret foe the heart po - ssess.
 The heart to Thee be still a - wake;
 Bid all the powers of dark - ness fly;
 Whilst bur - dened in the flesh we stay;

The ver - y Light of light Thou art, Who
 And grant us calm re - pose in Thee, A
 Nor Sa - tan's wiles the flesh al - lure, And
 And Thy right hand pro - tec - tion be To
 Pre - serve and watch o'er us for good, Whom
 Thou on - ly canst the soul de - fend; Be

dost that bless - ed light im - part.
 qui - et night from per - ils free.
 make us in Thy sight im - pure.
 those who love and trust in Thee.
 Thou has pur - chased with Thy blood.
 with us, Sa - vior, to the end. A - men.