

Isaiah 40:20-25

²⁰ Whoever *is* too impoverished for *such* a contribution Chooses a tree *that* will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image *that* will not totter. ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² *It is* He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants *are* like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. ²³ He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. ²⁴ Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble. ²⁵ "To whom then will you liken Me, Or *to whom* shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

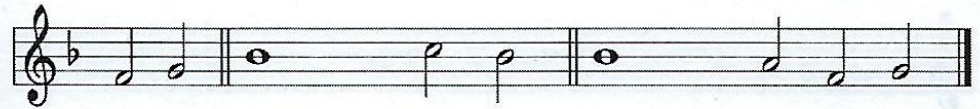
1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

¹ Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ² for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in passion of lust, like

the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

St. Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs." ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**Introit.**

Ant. RE-MEM- || ber O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving- | *kind-ness-* | es:

for they have been ev- | er | of | old.

|| Let not mine enemies triumph over | me | - :

God of Israel, deliver us out of all | our | trou- | bles.

Psalm. || Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my | soul | - :

O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be | a- | sham- | ed.

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 God, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Thessalonians 4:1-7 **Gospel.** Matthew 15:21-28

Additional reading: Isaiah 40:20-25

Gradual.

|| 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.

Tract. || O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is | good | -:

for His mercy endureth | for- | ev- | er.

Reminiscere - 2nd Sunday in Lent
 21. O Faithful God, We Worship Thee

Nik. Selnecker, 1587

L. M.

Wen wir in hoechsten Noethen sein

J. Gerard, 1555

1. O faith - ful God, we wor - ship Thee!
 2. Thou, through Thy ser - vant, say'st to me:
 3. O Lord, we bless Thy gra - cious heart,
 4. Give us Thy Spi - rit, peace af - ford

Thou par - don'st our in - i - qui - ty,
 "Thy sins are all for - giv - en thee,
 For Thou Thy - self dost heal our smart,
 Now and for - ev - er, gra - cious Lord!

Thou grant - est help in sin's dis - tress,
 De - part in peace; but sin no more,
 Through Christ our Sa - vior's pre - cious blood,
 Thy Word and ho - ly Sa - cra - ment

And soul and bo - dy Thou dost bless.
 And e'er My par-d'ning grace a - dore."
 Which for the sake of sin - ners flowed.
 Pre - serve to us, till life is spent. A - men.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Consider my meditation: O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God: for unto You will I make my prayer, O my God." **Ps 97:1-6, 11-12.**

Today's Liturgy

The Preparatory part of the Divine Service is printed out during Lent. The wording of the confession may not be as familiar though it is quite ancient. The wording can be found in our hymnal in the order of Compline on page 264, right column. The practice of striking (more precisely, "tapping") the chest is simply an acknowledgement of personal responsibility and remorse over sinful action and the consequences which they bring (Is 32:12, Na 2:7).