

Readings for 10 April 2020 – GOOD FRIDAY

Psalm 40

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:

and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² **He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:**

and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold

³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:

even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

⁴ **Many shall see it and fear:**

and shall put their trust in the Lord.

⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:

who have not turned to the proud,

or to those who wander in deceit.

⁶ **O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,**

and your thoughts which are towards us:

there is none to be compared with you;

⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of them:

they are more than I am able to express.

⁸ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:**

but my ears you have marked for obedience;

⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:

then said I, Lo, I come.

¹⁰ **In the scroll of the book it is written of me,**

that I should do your will:

O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.

¹¹ I have declared your righteousness

in the great congregation:

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,

and that you know.

¹² **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:**

I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.

¹³ I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:

from the great congregation.

¹⁴ **O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:**

let your loving-kindness and your truth

ever preserve me.

¹⁵ For innumerable troubles have come upon me:

my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

¹⁶ **They are more in number than the hairs of my head:**

therefore my heart fails me.

¹⁷ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:

O Lord, make haste to help me.

¹⁸ **Let those who seek my life to take it away:**

be put to shame and confounded altogether.

¹⁹ Let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil:

let them be aghast for shame who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

²⁰ **Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:**

let those who love your salvation say always

'The Lord is great.'

²¹ As for me, I am poor and needy:

but the Lord will care for me.

**22 You are my helper and my deliverer:
make no long delay, O Lord my God.**

5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

Holy God, through your beloved Son you reconciled all things to yourself, making peace by the blood of his cross: fill us and those for whom we pray with your peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [19.16-30]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.'

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.'

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.