

FIRST READING Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12

The first lesson is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Chapters 52&53

See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him –

so marred was his appearance,
beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals –

so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them
they shall see,

and that which they had not heard
they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty – that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance – that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one (from whom others hide their faces) he was despised,
and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

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But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we – like sheep – have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep (that before its shearers) is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice – he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring,
and shall prolong his days;

through him – the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish – he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction – through his knowledge.

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The righteous one (my servant)
shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Here endeth the first lesson.

SECOND READING

Luke 24.13-35

The 2nd. lesson is taken from the Gospel according to Saint Luke, Ch. 24.

Now, on that same day,
two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus,
(about seven miles from Jerusalem)

and talking with each other
about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus Himself came near and went with them,
but their eyes were kept from recognising Him.

And He said to them,

"What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them (whose name was Cleopas) answered him,

"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem
who does not know the things
that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them,

"What things?"

They replied,

"The things about Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,

and how our chief priests and leaders
handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him.

But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things took place.

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SECOND READING

Luke 24.13-35

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Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb, early this morning,
and when they did not find His body there,

they came back and told us
that they had, indeed, seen a vision of angels
who said that He was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb
and found it just as the women had said;

but they did not see Him."

Then He said to them,

"Oh, how foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things
and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses – and all the prophets,

He interpreted, to them,
the things about Himself
in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going,
He walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged Him strongly, saying,

"Stay with us, because it is almost evening
and the day is now nearly over."

So He went in to stay with them.

When He was at the table with them,

He took bread,

blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them.

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Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognised Him;
and He vanished from their sight.

They said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us –
while He was talking to us on the road,
while He was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;
and they found the eleven (and their companions) gathered together.

They were saying,
"The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road,
and how he had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.

Here endeth the second lesson.