

Sexagesima

8 February A+D 2026



The Word *Sexagesima* comes from the Latin word for “sixtieth”.
It is named this because it is the Sunday approximately 60 days from Easter.
During Gesimatide we omit the Gloria In Excelsis and Alleluia.

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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 916 Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 44:1a; antiphon: vv. 23–24a, 25b–26a



Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? Arise, cast us not off for | ever.*

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face, and forgettest our af- | fliction?*

For our belly cleaveth un- | to the earth.*

Arise, for our help, and re- | deem us.

We have heard with our ears, | O God,*

our fathers have | told us.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie: 942 Kyrie! God Father

Gloria In Excelsis is omitted

Salutation p. 189

Collect of the Day

P O God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Thy kindness we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Sit

Prophecy

Isaiah 55:10–13

Thus says the LORD God: “As the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall

come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off,” says the LORD Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 83:18, 13



Let the nations know that Thy name | is the LORD: *
Thou alone art Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them | like a wheel,*
as the stubble be- | fore the wind.

Epistle

II Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Brethren: You put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient

for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 60:2, 4b [DR], 5a



Thou, O LORD, hast made the earth to tremble; Thou hast | broken it:*
heal the breaches thereof; for it | shaketh.
Let them flee from be- | fore the bow,*
that Thy beloved may be de- | livered.

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: When a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, Jesus spoke by a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **☩** Lord, in Your mercy; **☩** **hear our prayer.**

Preface *p. 194*

Proper Preface

☩ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

587 I Know My Faith Is Founded /

586 Preach You the Word /

585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide /

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage /

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior /

880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow /

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

Postlude

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Hebrews 12:3-9, Matthew 12:30-37

Hymns: 823-714-760-880

Looking Forward to Next Sunday (Quinquagesima)

Lessons: I Samuel 16:1-13, I Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 18:31-43

Hymns: TLH 25(printed)-942-685-750/688/689/618/619/688/732-438

Ash Wednesday is February 18th

Divine Service is at 6:30 pm

Ashes will be offered from 9:00-10:30 am and are optional at the evening service.

Midweek Vespers services will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent starting Feb. 25th.

Light meals will be served starting at 5:00pm.

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