

the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean unto the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the Blood of Christ, Who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And this is why He is mediator of a new covenant, that whereas a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions committed under the former covenant, they who have been called may receive eternal inheritance according to the promise, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual & Tract

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; teach me to do Thy will. Thou art my deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise against me; from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me. Much have they oppressed me from my youth. Let Israel say: Much have they oppressed me from my youth. The wicked have wrought upon by back. Long did they make their furrows. But the just Lord has severed the cords of the wicked.

Gospel

John 8:46-59

At that time, Jesus said to the crowds of the Jews : Which of you can convict Me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear is that you are not of God. The Jews therefore in answer said to Him : Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan, and have a devil? Jesus answered : I have not a devil, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet, I do not seek My own glory; there is One Who seeks and Who judges. Amen, amen, I say to you, if anyone keep My word, he will never see death. The Jews therefore said : Now we know that You have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets, and You say, 'If anyone keep My word he will never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself? Jesus answered : If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father Who glorifies Me, of Whom you say that He is your God. And you do not know Him, but I know Him. And if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he was to see My day. He saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him : You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? Jesus said to them : Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am. They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out from the temple.

Offertory

I praise Thee, O Lord, with all my heart; be good to Thy servant, that I may live and keep Thy words. O Lord, give me life according to Thy word.

Secret

May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, loose the bonds of our wickedness, and obtain for us the gifts of Thy mercy. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

This is My Body, which shall be given up for you : this is the cup of the new covenant in My Blood, says the Lord. Do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

Postcommunion

Stand by us, O Lord our God, and with tireless support defend us whom Thou hast renewed through these Mysteries. Through our Lord . . .

LENTEN THOUGHT FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES:

On the Conditions which render fasting good and meritorious: Understand that of itself fasting is not a virtue. It is a virtue only when it is accompanied by conditions which render it pleasing to God. We find some people who think that to fast well during the holy season of Lent it is enough to abstain from eating some prohibited food. We know very well that it is not enough to fast exteriorly if we do not also fast interiorly, and if we do not accompany the fast of the body with that of the spirit. Now among all the conditions required for fasting well, I will select 3 principal ones... The **1st condition** is that we must fast with our whole heart, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely. The **2nd condition** is never to fast through vanity but always through humility. The **3rd condition** necessary for fasting well is to look to God and to do everything to please Him, withdrawing within ourselves in imitation of a great saint, St. Gregory the Great who withdrew into a secret place where he remained for a time.

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Total for the Month of March: \$ 15, 046.00

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