Year A – Tuesday in Holy Week

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Collect for Tuesday in Holy Week

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

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1 Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from
the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. 2 And He has made My
mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished
shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.' 3 And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom
I will be glorified.' 4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in
vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.' '

5 And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back
to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My
God shall be My strength), 6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a
light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' ' 7 Thus says the
LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the
nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: 'Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because
of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.'

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71

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1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame. 2 Deliver me in Your righteousness,
and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me. 3 Be my strong refuge, To which I may
resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my
fortress. 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous
and cruel man.

5 For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth. 6 By You I have been upheld
from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of

You. 7 I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge. 8 Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day.

9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails. 10 For my enemies speak against me; And those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together, 11 Saying, 'God has forsaken him; Pursue and take him, for there is none to deliver him.' 12 O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 12:44-50

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from John's Gospel chapter 12, beginning at verse 44.*

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, 'He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not

believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I
have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the
Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know
that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I
speak.'

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*