

READINGS FOR THURSDAY, March 26, 2020

Today we celebrate the life and work of the Harriet Monsell

Presider Gracious God, who didst lead thy servant Harriet Monsell through grief to a new vocation; grant that we, inspired by her example, may grow in the life of prayer and the work of service, so that in our sorrows and in all our joys, thy presence may evermore increase among us, and that our lives may be so ordered as to reveal the mind of Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Lector The First Lesson: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (66:1-4)

Thus says the LORD: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting-place? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word. Whoever slaughters an ox is like one who kills a human being; whoever sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever presents a grain-offering, like one who offers swine's blood; whoever makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and in their abominations they take delight; I also will choose to mock them, and bring upon them what they fear; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my sight, and chose what did not please me.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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- ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- ² It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- ³ Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- ⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁵ For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (3:25-30)

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Litany of Healing

Presider: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Joan Carpenter	Philip Grieshaber	Herb Grieshaber	Donna & Family
Amanda & Family	Jean S. & Vickie	Emily Mason	Laurie Pisani
Kathleen & Family	Val & Deb	Dan W.	Sarah & Amanda Legere
Pat and Bertha	Freddie Meyers	Heidi Baker	Brian & Family
Michelle & Family	The Hack Family	John & Shirley	Betty S.
Dottie P. & Wayne	Sandy Dunn	Karen Dunn	Loretta & Family
Tim & Cheri	Angela Joseph	Otis	Bill & Sue
Stephanie & Family	Elaine Romo	Kim & Jim	The Cartwright Family
George	Sharon & Shane	The Bales Family	Dave Dawson
Joel, Stacey & Family	Nick Gerardo	Sandra Woodard	Henry & Nancy
Barbara	Edward Paul	Jane O.	Jennifer Tarentino
Joseph Tichansky			

For military personnel and civilians in war zones.

For healing in places of political unrest and violence.

For the healing of all victims of natural disasters.

For all refugees, and for all peacemakers.

For all those suffering from addictions, abuse, oppression; for all prisoners.

We give thanks and pray for all in the health ministries, first responders, law enforcement, and all emergency personnel: Wayne Hammaker, Joanne Leser, Norm Leser, Jason Hammaker, Alicia, Jeff Crane, Lisa Webber, Jennifer and Katie Barker, Kaitlin Roehrer Steward, Christine Kent, Erin Merk, Jake Stanton.

Leader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation:

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being:

All: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Leader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

All: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader: You are the Lord who does wonders:

All: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Leader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

All: **And in your light we see light.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of Life:

All: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Following the litany, the presider will pray for all who seek healing.