

Quasimodo Geniti Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) Readings

Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The Valley of Dry Bones

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to

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me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Psalm

Psalm 33; antiphon: v. 6

The Steadfast Love of the LORD

¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

²Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*

make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!

³Sing to him a | new song;*

play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

⁴For the word of the LORD is | upright,*

and all his work is done in | faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and | justice;*

the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*

and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea | as a heap;*

he puts the deeps in | storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

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⁹For he spoke, and it | came to be;*

he commanded, and it | stood firm.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to | nothing;*

he frustrates the plans of the | peoples.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands for- | ever, *

the plans of his heart to all gener- | ations.

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD, *

the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

¹³The LORD looks down from | heaven;*

he sees all the chil- | dren of man;

¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he | looks out*

on all the inhabitants | of the earth,

¹⁵he who fashions the hearts | of them all*

and observes | all their deeds.

¹⁶The king is not saved by his great | army;*

a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.

¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation, *

and by its great might it cannot | rescue.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him, *

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

¹⁹that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

²⁰Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

²¹For our heart is | glad in him, *

because we trust in his | holy name.

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us, *

even as we | hope in you.

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Testimony Concerning the Son of God

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”** ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”**

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”** ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, **“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

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The Purpose of This Book

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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