

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22–33

A reading from Lamentations.

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the LORD has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the LORD will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

PSALM: Psalm 30

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-^led me up
and have not let my enemies triumph^l over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried^l out to you,
and you restored^l me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD,^l from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down^l to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the LORD,^l all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-^lly remembrance. R**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor^l lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes^l in the morning.
⁶**While I felt se-^lcure, I said,
"I shall never^l be disturbed.**
⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong^l as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was^l filled with fear.
⁸**I cried to^l you, O LORD;**

⁸I cried to ^l you, O LORD;
I pleaded with ^l my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down ^l to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- ^l clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- ^l cy upon me;
O LORD, ^l be my helper." R

¹¹You have turned my wailing ^l into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed ^l me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you ^l without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you ^l thanks forever. R

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21–43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.