Lessons for Next Week: Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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Second Sunday in Lent ***March 16, 2025***

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15

8 When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had
commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and
the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You
shall die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD,
saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be
desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered
around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the officials
of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's
house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry
of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. 11 Then the priests and
the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This
man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied
against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." 12 Then
Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying,
"The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this
city all the words you have heard. 13 Now therefore mend your
ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God,
and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced
against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with
me as seems good and right to you. 15 Only know for certain
that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon
yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth
the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Psalm 4

[1]Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
[2]"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run af- | ter false gods?"
[3]Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;*
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.
[4]Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
[5]Offer the appointed | sacrifices*
and put your trust | in the LORD.
[6]Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.
[7]You have put gladness | in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
[8]I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

[17]Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. [18]For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19]Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. [20]But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21]who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

[1]Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

[31]At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." [32]And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. [33]Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' [34]O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! [35]Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"