# The Word of God

*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!'"

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