

Monday, March 21

Today we recall how Mary, the sister of Martha, washed the feet of Jesus with fragrant oil. With Mary, we adore Christ.

The Prayer of Confession

Save me, O God! ...

*I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.*

*My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.*

Psalm 69:1a,3

The Gospel Reading

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

John 12:1-11

The Psalm of Response

*Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.*

*Hide not your face from your servant;
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.*

*Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
ransom me because of my enemies!*

Psalm 69:16-18

The Prayer for the Day – of Adoration

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
I worship you, I give you thanks,
I praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
in the glory of God the Father.

The Greater Doxology (Greek, 3rd Century)

The Closing Psalm Prayer

*Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves in them.
For God will save Zion
and build up the cities of Judah,
and people shall dwell there and possess it;
the offspring of his servants shall inherit it,
and those who love his name shall dwell in it.*

Psalm 69:34-36