



Repent and Believe – Lent

Call to Prayer: Repent and believe in the Gospel of love.

ALL: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn: “Hosea” Gregory Norbet, OSB, Weston Priory, all verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.
2. The wil-der-ness will lead you
3. You shall sleep se-cure with peace;



1. Don't let fear keep us a-part.
2. to your heart where I will speak.
3. faith-ful-ness will be your joy. R.



1. Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
2. In-teg-ri-ty and jus-tice



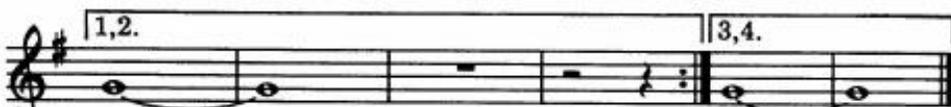
1. so must we to oth-ers' call.
2. with ten-der-ness you shall know.



Long have I wait-ed for your com-ing



home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new



life.

life.

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Reading: Luke 15:21-24

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” (NIV)



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Antiphon: ALL: *Return to me with your whole heart.* Joel 2: 12

Psalm 32 (Alternate sides for each verse, please.)

- 1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I confess my transgressions, O God," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
- 7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble, surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- 10 The LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- 11 Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

adapted from New International Version (NIV)

Words of St. Vincent: "Dear Sisters, the subject of this conference is the Jubilee ... I should tell you what a Jubilee is. The word "Jubilee" means *joy* and *jubilation* and a Jubilee year means a *year of rejoicing*. [During this year,] we turn our face to God, who welcomes us like a prodigal child, when we confess our sins in the spirit of true penance. His Divine Goodness forgives the ... sin so that we're restored to grace ..."
Coste, Volume 10, #78 *Jubilee*, December 14, 1656, page 263



Reflection and Sharing:

Vincent asks each of us: *How am I "oblige[d] to act like the father of the prodigal in the Gospel" in my work as a Lady of Charity?*
Coste, Volume 13b, #175, July 27, 1656, page 349

Words of St. Vincent: "... that poor prodigal child will be welcome, if God has been pleased to give him a spirit of repentance." Volume 5, #1828, page 263

Reflection and Sharing: *+When have I been a prodigal or when have I been asked to welcome a prodigal child/person?*

Response: "Hosea" refrain only

Prayer: ALL: *Loving and merciful God and Father, you wait patiently, stand ready to receive us when we make our way back to you. Help us to imitate your eagerness and love in our relationships with our families and those we serve in ministry. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Final Blessing: (All respond to each line with **Amen**.)

- + May each of us experience you, God, as all-loving and accepting of our humanity. **Amen.**
- + May Your welcome overflow us in our ministry to persons living in poverty. **Amen.**
- + O God, allow this year of jubilee, renew us in our commitment to serve others. **Amen.**
- + May You us, Father God, Son Jesus and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Prayer Texts

Matthew 9: 13 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, ... Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (NIV)

2 Peter 2: 9 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." (NIV)