

### **First Reading — Lamentations 3:22-33**

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<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>My soul says, “The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.

<sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.

<sup>29</sup>Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.

<sup>30</sup>Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not push us away forever.

<sup>32</sup>Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy.

<sup>33</sup>Certainly, it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction, when he brings grief to the children of men.

### **Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14**

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup>In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. <sup>3</sup>I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, <sup>4</sup>pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup>And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God’s will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. <sup>6</sup>As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. <sup>7</sup>But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

<sup>13</sup>Certainly, our goal is not that others take it easy while you are burdened, but that there may be equality. <sup>14</sup>At the present time, your abundance will provide what they lack, in order that their abundance will also provide what you lack—in this way there will be equality.

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## Gospel Reading — Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

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<sup>24</sup>Jesus went with him.

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

<sup>36</sup>But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

<sup>40</sup>They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) <sup>42</sup>Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. <sup>43</sup>Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

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