

## Daily Readings

### Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

24 February 2026

#### First reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

**'The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.'**

Thus says the Lord:

'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19. R 18b

***God rescues the just one in all his distress.***

Glorify the LORD with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

***God rescues the just one in all his distress.***

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress.

***God rescues the just one in all his distress.***

The LORD turns his eyes to the just one,  
and his ears are open to his cry.  
The LORD turns his face against the wicked  
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

***God rescues the just one in all his distress.***

When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,  
and rescues him in all his distress.  
The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

***God rescues the just one in all his distress.***

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 4:4b**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 6:7-15**

**‘Pray then like this.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then, like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

‘For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.’

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