APRIL 6, 2025

Readings in Worship hymnal # 1041

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 43:1-2
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God,

are my strength.

Reading I: Is 43:16-21

Drawing on the ancient story of the Exodus, the prophet reassures the people at a time of great danger and suffering that they "ain't seen nothin' yet."

Psalm Response: Ps 126

A communal lament. Recalling God's mighty deeds in the past, the people ask God to remember such divine intervention on their behalf as the motive for taking action now.

Reading II: Phil 3:8-14

All the mystics have made a similar point: Once you experience salvation through Christ and are aware how free a gift it is, given without consideration for anything we might have done, you realize that it alone is worth holding on to.

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

The story of the woman caught in adultery is a story of great compassion and divine forgiveness. After all, the woman was caught in the act presumably, with a man who got away!). She was guilty, yet Jesus convinced the crowd not to punish her as the Torah required, and then he forgave her sin.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 8: 10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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