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### Lectionary 13

#### Lamentations 3:22-33

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup> to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, <sup>29</sup> to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup> to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

#### Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. <sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O **you** his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. <sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." <sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. <sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?" <sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" <sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, <sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:7-15

<sup>7</sup> Now as **you** excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for **you**—so we want **you** to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For **you** know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for **your** sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty **you** might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for **you** who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that **your** eagerness may be matched by completing it according to **your** means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on **you**, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> **your** present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for **your** need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

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### Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay **your** hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” <sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do **you** make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.