

## IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

*On March 30, 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree that gives a text and suggested readings for a Mass "In Time of Pandemic." This Mass can be celebrated, according to the rubrics given for Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, on any day except Solemnities, the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, days within the Octave of Easter, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week.*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Isaiah 53: 4

Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities, and he has carried our sorrows.

### COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,  
our refuge in every danger,  
to whom we turn in our distress;  
in faith we pray  
look with compassion on the afflicted,  
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,  
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,  
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders  
and the courage to reach out to all in love,  
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer  
in this time of peril.  
May they become for us, by your power,  
a source of healing and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, from whose hand we  
have received  
the medicine of eternal life,  
grant that through this sacrament  
we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

O God, protector of all who hope in you,  
bless your people, keep them safe,  
defend them, prepare them,  
that, free from sin and safe from the enemy,  
they may persevere always in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## SUGGESTED READINGS

*These can be found under Masses for Various Needs and Occasions (volume IV of most lectionaries), Section III "In various public circumstances", Section 25 "For any need." The numbers in square brackets are the lectionary reference numbers.*

### OPTION 1:

**FIRST READING**                      Lamentations 3: 17-26                      [LECT. 938]

**PSALM**                                      Ps 80, 2ac, 3b, 5-7                      [LECT 940, n. 1]

### OR

### OPTION 2:

**FIRST READING**                      Romans 8: 31b-39                      [LECT. 939, n. 2]

**PSALM**                                      Ps 123: 1-2a, 2bcd                      [LECT. 940, n. 3]

### THEN

**GOSPEL ACCLM.**                      2 Cor. 1: 3b-4a                      [LECT. 941, n. 2]

**GOSPEL**                                      Mark 4: 35-41                      [LECT. 942, n. 2]