

**MAY 4**

**ST. PEREGRINE LAZIOSI**

*Friar Servant of Mary*

*Feast*

**Entrance Antiphon**

Psalm 18,7

In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God; from his temple he heard my voice and my cry to him reached his ears.

**Prayer of the Assembly**

God our Father,  
you made Saint Peregrine an outstanding example  
of penance and patient suffering.  
By imitating his virtues  
and trusting in his prayers,  
may we learn to endure the trials  
of this life with courage  
and so enter into our heavenly reward with joy.  
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading**

II Corinthians 4, 10 – 18

A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

*The life of Jesus is visible in our mortal flesh*

Always we carry with us in our body the death of Jesus  
so that the life of Jesus, too, may be visible in our body.  
Indeed, while we are still alive,  
we are continually being handed over to death,  
for the sake of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus, too,  
may be visible in our mortal flesh.  
In us, then, death is at work; in you, life.  
But as we have the same spirit of faith as is described in scripture,  
'I believed and therefore I spoke',  
we, too, believe and therefore we, too, speak,  
realising that he who raised up the Lord Jesus  
will raise us up with Jesus in our turn,  
and bring us to himself, and you as well.  
You see, everything is for your benefit, so that as grace spreads, so, to the  
glory of God, thanksgiving may also overflow among more and more people.  
That is why we do not waver;  
indeed, though this outer human nature of ours  
may be falling into decay,  
at the same time our inner human nature  
is renewed day by day.  
The temporary, light burden of our hardships

is earning us for ever  
an utterly incomparable, eternal weight of glory,  
since what we aim for is not visible but invisible.  
Visible things are transitory, but invisible things eternal.

**This is the Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 87 (88) 2-3, 4-5, 10, 14

**R/. Let my prayer come into your presence, O Lord**

Lord, my God, I call for help by day;  
I cry at night before you.  
Let my prayer come into your presence.  
O turn your ear to my cry.

**R/. Let my prayer come into your presence, O Lord**

For my soul is filled with evils;  
my life is on the brink of the grace.  
I am reckoned as one in the tomb:  
I have reached the end of my strength.

**R/. Let my prayer come into your presence, O Lord**

My eyes are sunken with grief.  
As for me, Lord, I call to you for help:  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
Lord, why do you reject me?

**R/. Let my prayer come into your presence, O Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Galatians 6, 14

Alleluia! Alleluia! Far be it from me to glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 7, 7–14

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus said to his disciples,  
Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened to you.  
Everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds;  
everyone who knocks will have the door opened.  
Is there anyone among you  
who would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread?  
Or would hand him a snake when he asked for a fish?  
If you, then, evil as you are,  
know how to give your children what is good,  
how much more will your Father in heaven  
give good things to those who ask him!  
So always treat others as you would like them to treat you;

that is the Law and the Prophets.  
Enter by the narrow gate,  
since the road that leads to destruction  
is wide and spacious, and many take it;  
but it is a narrow gate and a hard road  
that leads to life, and only a few find it.

### **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Lord,  
as we bring the gifts of our service to your altar,  
we humbly pray  
that you purify our hearts  
and lead us back to the way of your commands.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

#### **Preface**

*Saint Peregrine found strength in the cross of Christ*

Father, all-mighty and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise.

In saint Peregrine, faithful servant of the Blessed Virgin,  
the gifts of your goodness shine forth.  
For he, who was known for his fiery passion,  
curbed his proud spirit by the gift of your grace  
and learned to excel in kindness.

He was compassionate and devout,  
he gave himself tirelessly to prayer  
and assisted the poor with love and generosity.  
He cheerfully bore the burdens of his brothers and sisters  
taking great strength from the cross of your Son.

Through Christ the multitude of angels celebrates your glory,  
and we join in adoration  
as we sing our song of praise: Holy, Holy...

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Psalm 30, 3

O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me.

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Let us pray (pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded)  
Revived by this sacrament, Lord,  
we await our total healing  
at the glorious coming of your Son;  
but even now,  
may our whole being exult in you,  
the living and true God.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

**Note:** Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>