

Saturday, March 23, 1697

Saturday of Laetare

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 1696–1697 Church Year • Purple

APPOINTED READINGS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:8-15

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-11

GOSPEL

John 8:12-20

INTROIT

Sitientes venite — Isaiah 55; Psalm 78

O you that thirst, come to the waters, saith the Lord; and you that have no money, come and drink with joy. Psalm. Attend, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

May the affection of our devotion be made fruitful by thy grace, we beseech thee, O Lord, for then will the fasts we have undertaken become profitable to us, if they are pleasing to thy mercy. Through, &c.;

Introit and collect: Husenbeth, The Missal for the Use of the Laity (London, 1853) — Saturday, Fourth Week, public domain (historic Western propers; not from Lutheran service books). Readings per The Lutheran Missal, "Lenten Lections" (2020).