

LENT QUESTIONS

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 9TH, 2022

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

March 9th, 2022

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 4

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in *my* distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. ² How long, O you sons of men, *Will you turn* my glory to shame? *How long* will you love worthlessness *And* seek falsehood? Selah ³ But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him. ⁴ Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD. ⁶ *There are* many who say, "Who will show us *any* good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. ⁸ I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#140 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

by Sigismund v. Birken

3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been
Of Thy crucifixion.

4. Grant that I Thy Passion view
With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew
By unholy living.

How could I refuse to shun
Every sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.**

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- all** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

PRAYER

- p** Let us pray . . . Heavenly Father, who knows the hearts of all men and has revealed to us the mystery

of Your salvation, grant that we may open our hearts in confession before you so that we may be called the friends of God; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

PASSION READING #2

LUKE 22:24-38: WHO IS THE GREATEST

²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' ²⁶ "But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸ "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰ "that

you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." ³¹ And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." ³³ But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." ³⁴ Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." ³⁵ And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." ³⁶ Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷ "For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." ³⁸ So they said, "Lord, look, here *are* two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

RESPONSIVE PSALM 36

P An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:

C ***There is no fear of God before his eyes.***

P For he flatters himself in his own eyes,

C **When he finds out his iniquity *and* when he hates.**

P The words of his mouth *are* wickedness and deceit;

C **He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good.**

P He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way *that is* not good;

C **He does not abhor evil.**

P Your mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens;

C **Your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds.**

P Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep;

C **O LORD, You preserve man and beast.**

P How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God!

- C **Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.**
- P They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
- C **And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.**
- P For with You is the fountain of life;
- C **In Your light we see light.**
- P Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
- C **And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.**
- P Let not the foot of pride come against me,
- C **And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.**
- P There the workers of iniquity have fallen;
- C **They have been cast down and are not able to rise.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

#149 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

by James Montgomery, 1771-1854

1. Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2. Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3. Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4. He that drinks shall live forever;
Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

SERMON

Matthew 26:47-50 ⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

FRIEND, WHY HAVE YOU COME?

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING HYMN #143:14

14. But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

all In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen

#552 "Abide with Me!"

by Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

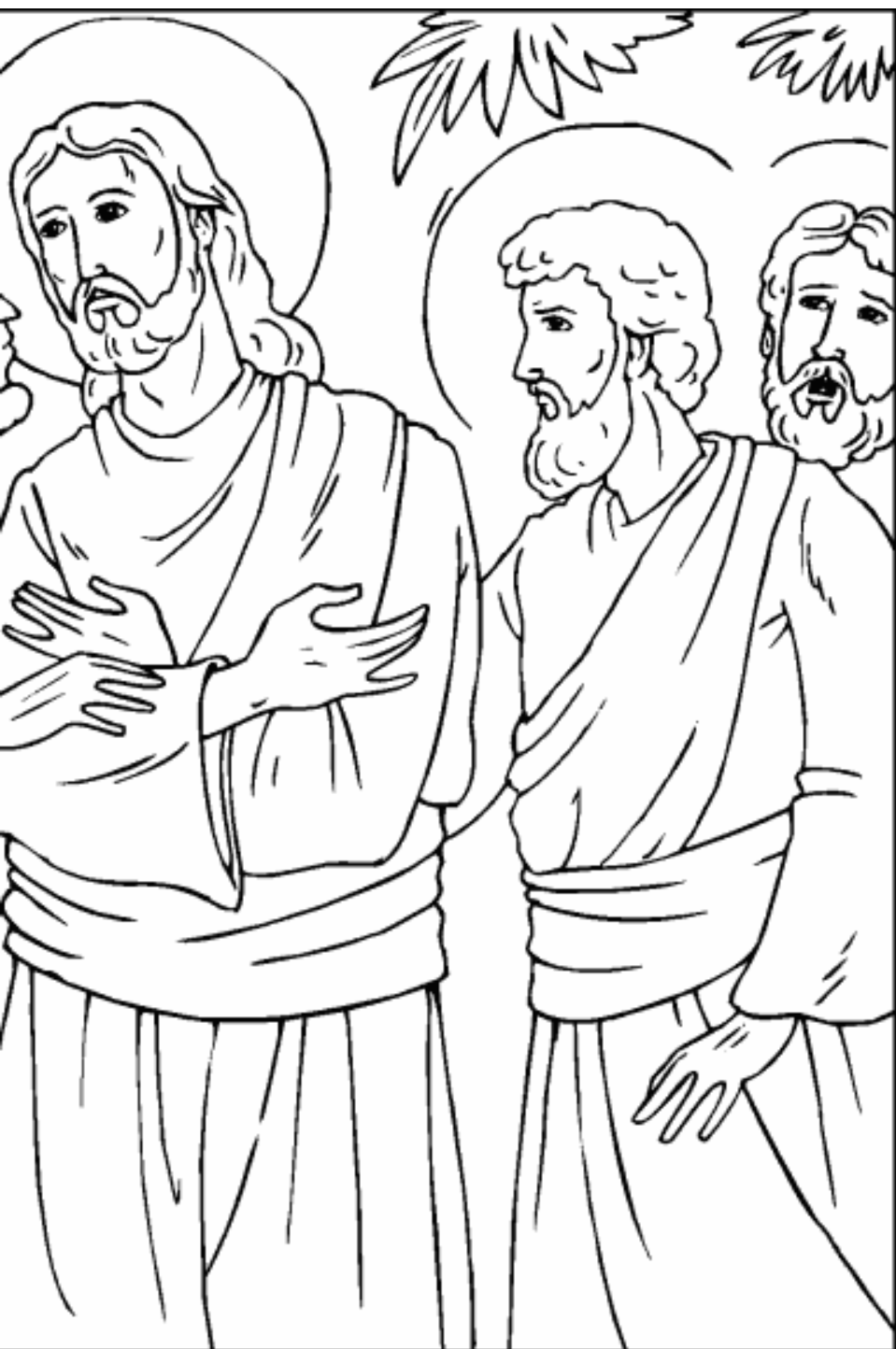
5. Thou on my head in every youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

6. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!







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