



LENT QUESTIONS

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 16TH, 2022

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TODAY'S SERVICE

March 16th, 2022

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 62

Truly my soul silently *waits* for God; From Him *comes* my salvation. ² He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. ³ How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence. ⁴ They only consult to cast *him* down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly. Selah ⁵ My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation *is* from Him. ⁶ He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be moved. ⁷ In God *is* my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, *And* my refuge, *is* in God. ⁸ Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God *is* a refuge for us. Selah ⁹ Surely men of low degree *are* a vapor, Men of high degree *are* a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They *are* altogether *lighter* than vapor. ¹⁰ Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set *your* heart *on* them. ¹¹ God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God. ¹² Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#140 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

by Sigismund v. Birken

5. If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm,
Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee
And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me,
God must have compassion.

6. Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
Peace mid pain and losses.

May I give Thee love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above
Sing Thy praise forever.

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 has planned all things for our salvation, grant us hearts of patience that we may learn to wait on your salvation, and come in the end to your heavenly light; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

PASSION READING #3

LUKE 22:39-53 - JESUS PRAYS

³⁹ Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from

heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation." ⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ "When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

RESPONSIVE PSALM 27

P The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

C **The LORD *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?**

P Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear;

C **Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* confident.**

P One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek:

C **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.**

P For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;

C **In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

P Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice!

C **Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.**

P *When You said, "Seek My face,"*

C **My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."**

P Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

C **You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

P When my father and my mother forsake me,

C **Then the LORD will take care of me.**

P Teach me Your way, O LORD,

C **And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.**

P Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries;

C **For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.**

P *I would have lost heart, unless I had believed*

C **That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.**

P Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart;

C **Wait, I say, on the LORD! Amen**

#143 "O Dearest Jesus"

By Johann Heermann, 1585-1647

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession, --
What dark transgression?

2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they
scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

5. The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted, --
God is committed.

SERMON

Matthew 26:51-56 ⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. ⁵² But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ "How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" ⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ "But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

HOW THEN COULD THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED?

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

#562 "Round Me Falls the Night"

by William Romanis, 1824-1899

i. Round me falls the night;
Savior, be my Light.
Through the hours in darkness shrouded
Let me see Thy face unclouded;
Let Thy glory shine
In this heart of mine.

2. Earthly work is done,
Earthly sounds are none,
Rest in sleep and silence seeking,
Let me hear Thee softly speaking;
In my spirit's ear
Whisper, "I am near."

3. Blessed, heavenly Light
Shining through earth's night;
Voice that oft of love hast told me;
Arms so strong to clasp and hold me,
Thou Thy watch wilt keep,
Savior, o'er my sleep.



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