



# LENT QUESTIONS

LENT MIDWEEK - APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

# **WELCOME**

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## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**April 6th, 2022**

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 1*

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. <sup>4</sup> The ungodly *are* not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #179 "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"

By Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703

i. On my heart imprint Thine image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no power Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's Foundation,  
And my Glory and Salvation.

## INVOCATION

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

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# 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 gave to us Your only begotten son, grant them we me so meditate on His passion that we might ever treasure Him by whose strips we live and might walk with Him every step of our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

## PASSION READING #6

### LUKE 23:13-31 - JESUS SENTENCED

<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, <sup>14</sup> said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined *Him* in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; <sup>15</sup> "no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup> "I will therefore chastise Him and release *Him*" <sup>17</sup> (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). <sup>18</sup> And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this *Man*, and release to us Barabbas" -- <sup>19</sup> who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. <sup>21</sup> But they shouted, saying, "Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him*!" <sup>22</sup> Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go." <sup>23</sup> But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief

priests prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. <sup>25</sup> And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will. <sup>26</sup> Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> "For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' <sup>30</sup> "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" <sup>31</sup> "For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

## RESPONSIVE PSALM 46

- P God *is* our refuge and strength,  
C **A very present help in trouble.**  
P Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth  
be removed,



C **And though the mountains be carried into the  
midst of the sea;**

P *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled,

C ***Though* the mountains shake with its swelling.**

P *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the  
city of God,

C **The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High.**

P God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

C **God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.**

P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

C **He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**

P The LORD of hosts *is* with us;

C **The God of Jacob *is* our refuge.**

P Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C **Who has made desolations in the earth.**

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He  
breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;

C **He burns the chariot in the fire.**

P Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted  
among the nations,

C I will be exalted in the earth!  
P The LORD of hosts is with us;  
C The God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen

## #159 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

by James Montgomery, 1771-1854

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Ye that feel the Tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away,  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment-hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!

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Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" bear Him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4. Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom,--  
Who hath taken Him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

# SERMON

**Matthew 27:21-23** <sup>21</sup> The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!" <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" *They* all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

## WHAT THEN SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

## 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

## #560 Gracious God, Again Is Ended

Author: Caspar, Neumann; Author: John T. Mueller

Gracious God, again is ended  
Of my life another day.  
Show me where I have offended,  
Where I faltered on the way;  
Let me by Thy grace divine  
View this sinful life of mine.  
Calmly, as the day now closes,  
In Thy love my soul reposes.

Faithful Father, thus before Thee  
Now I come with fervent plea;  
Though unworthy, I implore Thee,  
Be Thou merciful to me;  
Let Thy face upon me shine  
As the fleeting hours decline.  
Help me do Thy will and pleasure  
Day by day in fuller measure.

Loving Savior, I will solely  
Look to Thee for peaceful sleep;  
Sanctify my spirit wholly,  
Angels send their watch to keep.  
Bid all threatening foes be gone,  
Guard my home and all mine own;  
Drive away all gloom and sorrow,  
Bless me with a glad tomorrow.



Gracious God, let me awaken  
To another blessed day  
That I may, with faith unshaken,  
Serve Thee as my Strength and Stay.  
Should instead death's summons come,  
Take me to Thy heavenly home.  
To Thy care I thus commend me;  
Lord, in life and death attend me.







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