

LENTEN MIDWEEK DEVOTION

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## LENT – A Season of Renewal – PLEASE

*A Season of Earnestness*

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*Renewal producing earnestness and passion*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

[LSB 433, vv. 1, 2 & 6]

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

**“Not All the Blood of Beasts”**

[LSB 431, vv. 1, 2 & 4]

Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.

My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there.

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

[LSB 436, vv. 1 & 3]

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

[Psalm 25]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C: **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.**

L: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

C: **He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

### WORDS OF LIFE AND LIGHT

*Exodus 12:21-27*

*Luke 22:19-20*

*1 Corinthians 11:25-32*

### WE SING

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

[LSB 450, vv. 1 & 5]

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

**“O Perfect Life of Love”** [LSB 452, vv. 1, 5 & 7]

O perfect life of love! All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above To do for us below.

In perfect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.

**“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”** [LSB 610, vv. 1, 3 & 4]

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle’s strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

**THE HOMILY**

*"A Season of Earnestness"*

**Luke 22:14-18**

**PRAYER**

L: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for earnestly offering us the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to us that we would more earnestly hunger and thirst for renewal through this sacrament, and thus by faith obtain and eternally enjoy your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and eternal life.

**C: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAISES**

**“Were You There”** [LSB 456, vv. 1-3]

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
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Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

**“My Song Is Love Unknown”** [LSB 430, vv. 1, 5 & 6]

My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff’ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav’n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

**CLOSING PRAYERS**

L: Lord Jesus, on the cross you bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**C: Hear us now as we come to you in prayer.**

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, ... Amen.**

## SENDING PRAISE

**“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”** [LSB 883, vv. 1, 2 & 5]

All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav’nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow’rs of darkness me molest.

**“Abide with Me”** [LSB 878, vv. 1, 5 & 6]

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

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!

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

## THE BENEDICTION

## HOLY WEEK

**March 28 – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

***Palm Sunday Communion Services***

***8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.***

***Maunder Thursday – April 1<sup>st</sup>***

***Communion for individuals / families***

***9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.***

***VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO THE CROSS***

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***Good Friday Communion – April 2<sup>nd</sup>***

***Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.***

***Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>***

***8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service in Front Parking Lot***

***9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service***

