

LENTEN MIDWEEK DEVOTION

February 24, 2021

LENT – A Season of Renewal – PLEASE

A Season of Listening

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Stepping Away from the Clamor to listen to Our Savior

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

[LSB 436, vv. 1-2]

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.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

[LSB 440, vv. 1 & 6]

Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav’n above Sing Your praise forever.

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

[LSB 423, vv. 1 & 3]

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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

John 1:1-2, 4, 9-14, 16-17

Isaiah 53:1-5

John 8:12

WE SING

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

[LSB 430, vv. 1-2]

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?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

“What Wondrous Love Is This” [LSB 543, vv. 1-2]

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” [LSB 589, vv. 1-2]

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor That I cling to You forever!

Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden You give words of peace and pardon.

THE HOMILY

"A Season of Listening"

Luke 11:24-28, 33-36

PRAYER

L: Almighty and most merciful God, in this earthly life we endure sufferings and death before we enter into eternal glory. Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith to the end of our lives that we may know the peace and joy of the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come.

C: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAISES

“Amazing Grace” [LSB 744, vv. 1-3]

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” [LSB 749, vv. 1-3]

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.**

Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work’s in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. **Refrain**

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus And say He died for all. **Refrain**

Don’t ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge, He’ll ne’er refuse to lend. **Refrain**

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

“Abide with Me”

[LSB 878, vv. 1-2]

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 need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

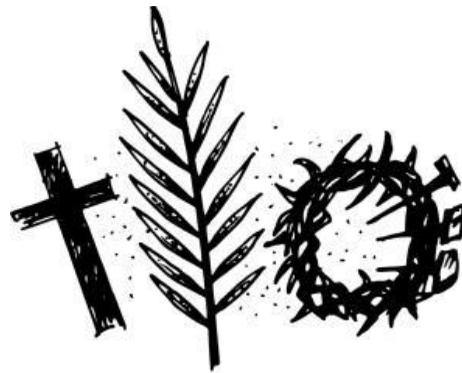
“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” [LSB 883, vv. 1, 4, 6]

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.

Oh, may my soul in Thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig’rous make To serve my God when I awake!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE BENEDICTION



MIDWEEK THEMES

“Lent – A Season of RENEWAL – PLEASE!”

February 24 – “Lent – A Season of Listening”

March 3 – “Lent – A Season of Engaging”

March 10 – “Lent – A Season of Adoration”

March 17 – “Lent – A Season of Serving”

March 24 – “Lent – A Season of Earnestness”

***We will gather in the front parking lot on these Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
for reflections, prayers, and singing.***

You also can join these gatherings on Face Book Live.

HOLY WEEK is March 28 – April 4th

Palm Sunday Communion Services

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

Maundy Thursday – April 1st

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 2nd

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

Easter Sunday – April 4th

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

9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service