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God Would; We Would Not

As We Gather

The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet's story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord's invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.

PREPARATION**Hymn: Power in the Blood**

1 Would you be free from the burden of sin?

There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.

Would you o'er evil a victory win?

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain:

There is pow'r, pow'er, wonder-working pow'r

In the blood of the Lamb;

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r

In the precious blood of the Lamb.

2 Would you be free from your passion and pride?

There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.

Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.

There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. [Refrain]

3 Would you do service for Jesus your king?
 There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
 Would you live daily his praises to sing?
 There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. [Refrain]

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 74:1

P O God, why do You cast us off forever?
C Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

P May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness
C that we may learn repentance.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P O Lord,
C we poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. Our Lord's name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved God above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. May God be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

WORD

Introit*Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
 and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.
 O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?
 Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have
 redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.
 Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;*

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
 and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
 O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power
 defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil
 thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

C Amen.

Announcement of the Day

P On this Second Sunday in Lent, we are reminded that the Lord is rich in mercy
 and willing to forgive our sins and save us by His grace, but we are not always
 ready to approach Him in the humility of faith and with a heart of repentance.
 From the prophet Jeremiah comes the story of how the Word of the Lord was
 met with rejection, anger, and rebellion. In Philippians, a sorrowful Paul
 recounts the story of those who once believed but now walk as enemies of the
 Lord. In the Gospel, we hear the lament of the Lord who wanted to gather His
 people under the arms of His mercy, but they would not.

Old Testament Reading*Jeremiah 26:8–15*

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to
 speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid

hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow

and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: "I Can Hear My Savior Calling"

1 I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2 I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]

3 I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
 the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Bidden by Your mercy, O Lord, we come in prayer to petition Your aid for the Church, the nation, the sick, and all people who have requested our prayers.

O Lord, as once You warned Your people to mend their ways and their deeds and heed the voice of Your Word, so grant us grace that we mend our sinful ways, repent of all the things we have done wrong, and heed the voice of Your Word. Bring us to the obedience of faith that we may enjoy Your mercy and tender compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant grace to Your Church and those who preach and teach Your Word, that they be faithful to Your Word and truth and that Your Church may prosper and many be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide and prosper our nation in paths of goodness and virtue. Bless our president, governor, and all elected and appointed government officials, that we may be free to worship You in spirit and truth and live as godly citizens while on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Deliver us from stubbornness of heart and willful desire that we may learn in all humility and patience and share with others the Gospel of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Show Your compassion to all who cry to You for mercy and who bear any afflictions of body and soul, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them healing in accordance with Your will and patience until Your deliverance comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give us generous hearts, that what we have received we share with those in need and that we support the work of Your kingdom with all our abilities and with the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Humble our hearts that we may approach Your altar in good conscience, forgiven of our sins and trusting in Jesus' Word. Grant that we come united in doctrine, receive here His body and blood with thanksgiving, and depart His Table to serve our neighbor in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

P Hear Your people, O Lord, who come to You at Your own invitation, with the concerns of our hearts and praise of our lips, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and protect us from all things harmful to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C Amen.

Offering

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

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1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – A warm welcome to everyone! If you are our GUEST, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. **BLESSINGS!**

SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent. As we continue to live cautiously in the midst of Covid, here is our schedule for this Lenten season with that awareness.

- 1) On Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, between Noon and 1 p.m. please come out for Communion and the imposition of ashes.
- 2) On each subsequent Wednesday in Lent you are invited out for meditation and Communion during that same lunch hour. On Holy Week, Communion will not take place on that Wednesday but on that Maundy Thursday same time.
- 3) We will omit the Holy Saturday hot dog give-a-way, one of our favorite activities, for obvious reasons.
- 4) Easter Sunday, which is usually our busiest day of the year will have just the one activity, a 6 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service with Holy Communion.
- 5) The omission of some of our beloved activities including no Mid-week night Services, no hot dog outreach event, no Easter morning breakfast, no Children's Easter Program, no Easter egg hunt are all excluded in an effort to be as safe as possible in our current situation. Thanks for your patience and understanding and let's pray that we'll have a normal experience on next year.

DISTRICT CONVENTION – The 76th Convention of the LCMS Southern District will take place in Slidell, LA on next week March 21-23. Let's keep this Convention lifted high. Our very own, Rev. Dr. McNair Ramsey, will take part in the Keynote Panel discussion for the Convention. **Praise Ye the Lord!**

CONGRATULATIONS – We have 3 members of our Congregation whose recent accomplishments we should proudly acknowledge and congratulate. 1) Ms. Courtney Washington has been appointed to the Board for the Arts Revive Organization. 2) Mrs. Debra McDaniel has been elected President of the Central Alabama Zone of LWML. 3) Mr. Shawn Washington recently received the "Commitment to the School and Academic Success of Students" Award from Jackson Steele Elementary School. **Congratulations to you all!**

PRAYER HOUR – Please join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m. for prayer. Dial 1/681-999-0264; Access Code 391959#. Also, I invite you to go on our website and view our monthly newsletters and other information. On there you will also see a complete listing of prayer requests/concerns.

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER – If anyone has news or information for the bulletin and/or newsletter, please email the information to Mrs. Veazey at dorothyveazey@outlook.com. Information for the bulletin should be submitted or emailed by Friday of each week.

VIRTUAL SERVICES – Worship services will now be available via Zoom for those of you that are unable to attend the in-person worship services. The following link will be used for every service: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87066538071>. The meeting ID is 870 6653 8071. The bulletin for every worship service will be available on the church's website.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – Each week there will be a different verse in the bulletin. Members are encouraged to memorize and meditate on the verses.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – II Cor. 4:16

“Though our outward man perish;
yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”