

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2020

Our Redeemer Lutheran – Carrollton, IL

Confession and Absolution

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -
tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will,
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear
pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit **Psalm 142**

With my voice I cry out to the LORD.
WITH MY VOICE I CALL TO THE LORD FOR MERCY.

I pour out my complaint before him.
I TELL MY DISTRESS BEFORE HIM.

*When my spirit grows faint within me,
you are the one who knows my course.*
ON THE PATH WHERE I WALK THEY HAVE HIDDEN A
SNARE FOR ME.

*Look to my right and see.
There is no one who recognizes me.*
THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR ME. NO ONE CARES ABOUT MY
LIFE.

I cry out to you, LORD.
I SAY, "YOU ARE MY REFUGE, MY PORTION IN THE LAND
OF THE LIVING."

Pay attention to my loud cry, because I am very weak.
RESCUE ME FROM THOSE WHO PURSUE ME,
BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO STRONG FOR ME.

*Set me free from my prison,
so I can give thanks to your name.*
THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL GATHER AROUND ME,
BECAUSE YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR PURPOSE
FOR ME.

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

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G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, YOUR MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; AND THOUGH WE DESERVE ONLY PUNISHMENT, YOU RECEIVE US AS YOUR CHILDREN AND PROVIDE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS OF BODY AND SOUL. GRANT THAT WE MAY HEARTILY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR MERCIFUL GOODNESS, GIVE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR BENEFITS AND SERVE YOU IN WILLING OBEDIENCE; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Isaiah 42:14-21 I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. ¹⁶I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.

Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. ¹⁷They will be turned back and completely disgraced— those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”

¹⁸You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see! ¹⁹Who is as blind as my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent?

Who is as blind as my associate, as blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe. Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear. ²¹Because of his own

righteousness, the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now you are light

in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. ¹⁰Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. ⁴I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.”

⁶After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

¹³They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight.

“He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?”

There was division among them, ¹⁷so they said to the blind man again, "What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?"

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir," the man replied, "that I may believe in him?"

³⁷Jesus answered, "You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you."

³⁸Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" and he knelt down and worshipped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

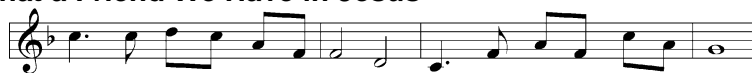
**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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Sermon

Christ will Shine

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or

Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry

world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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