



# LENT QUESTIONS

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2022

# **WELCOME**

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as you leave the church today.

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**March 23rd, 2022**

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 45:1-7*

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer. <sup>2</sup> You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. <sup>3</sup> Gird Your sword upon *Your* thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. <sup>4</sup> And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, *and* righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. <sup>5</sup> Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You. <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. <sup>7</sup> You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #155 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

by Walter Shirley, 1725-1786

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
Which before the cross we spend,  
Life and health and peace possessing  
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing  
All our sins on Jesus laid;  
Here we see redemption flowing  
From the sacrifice He made.

3. Here we find the dawn of heaven  
While upon the cross we gaze,  
See our trespasses forgiven,  
And our songs of triumph raise.

4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding,  
We may to the Savior cleave,  
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,  
All for Him content to leave!

5. Lord, in loving contemplation  
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee  
Till we taste Thy full salvation  
And we unveiled glory see.

## INVOCATION

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

## 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 sacrificed your only-begotten son for us, grant to us hearts of faith that we to may be called the sons of God; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

## PASSION READING #3

### LUKE 22:54-71 - PETER DENIES JESUS

<sup>54</sup> Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." <sup>58</sup> And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then after about an hour had passed, another

confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this *fellow* also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." <sup>62</sup> So Peter went out and wept bitterly. <sup>63</sup> Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. <sup>64</sup> And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one who struck You?" <sup>65</sup> And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him. <sup>66</sup> As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, <sup>67</sup> "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe. <sup>68</sup> "And if I also ask *you*, you will by no means answer Me or let *Me* go. <sup>69</sup> "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup> Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You *rightly* say that I am." <sup>71</sup> And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."



## RESPONSIVE PSALM 2

- P Why do the nations rage,  
C **And the people plot a vain thing?**  
P The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together,  
C **Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,**  
P "Let us break Their bonds in pieces  
C **And cast away Their cords from us."**  
P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;  
C **The Lord shall hold them in derision.**  
P Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,  
C **And distress them in His deep displeasure:**  
P "Yet I have set My King  
C **On My holy hill of Zion."**  
P "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,  
C **'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**  
P Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your

inheritance,

**C And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

P You shall break them with a rod of iron;

**C You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."**

P Now therefore, be wise, O kings;

**C Be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

P Serve the LORD with fear,

**C And rejoice with trembling.**

P Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish *in*  
the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little.

**C Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

**Amen**

## #158 "Glory be to Jesus"

Italian, 18th Century

i. Glory be to Jesus,

Who in bitter pains

Poured for me the life-blood

From His sacred veins!

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

3. Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments  
Did the world redeem!

5. Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

# SERMON

**Luke 22:70** <sup>70</sup> Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You *rightly* say that I am."

## ARE YOU THEN THE SON OF GOD?

# 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

### **#554 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow"**

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

i. Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But Thou, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to thy Creator rise.

2. The radiant sun hath vanished,  
His golden rays are banished  
By night, the foe of day;  
But Christ, the Sun of gladness,  
Dispelling all my sadness,  
Within my heart holds constant sway.

3. The rule of day is over  
And shining jewels cover  
The heaven's boundless blue.  
Thus I shall shine in heaven,  
Where crowns of gold are given  
To all who faithful prove and true.











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