



Jesus,  
Peter, &  
Me

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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as you leave the church today.

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**March 1st, 2023**

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 119:1-8*

Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD! <sup>2</sup> Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! <sup>3</sup> They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. <sup>4</sup> You have commanded *us* To keep Your precepts diligently. <sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! <sup>6</sup> Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments. <sup>8</sup> I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #166 "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

by Robert Grant, 1779-1838

1. Savior, when in dust to Thee  
Low we bow the adoring knee,  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes,  
Oh, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for man below,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our solemn litany!

2. By Thy helpless infant years,  
By Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of sore distress  
In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of the insulting Tempter's power,

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Turn, O turn, a favoring eye,  
Hear our solemn litany!

3. By Thine hour of dire despair,  
By Thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble cry,  
Hear our solemn litany!

4. By Thy deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
Oh, from earth to heaven restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Listen, listen, to the cry  
Of our solemn litany!

## 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 . . . O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.

# PASSION READING #2: JESUS PRAYS

## MATTHEW 26:31-46

### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

'I will strike the Shepherd,  
And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

<sup>35</sup> Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And so said all the disciples.



## The Prayer in the Garden

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” <sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.”

<sup>40</sup> Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

<sup>42</sup> Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless [e] I drink it, Your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup> So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being

betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going.  
See, My betrayer is at hand.”

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119:9-16

P How can a young man cleanse his way?  
C **By taking heed according to Your word.**  
P With my whole heart I have sought You;  
C **Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!**  
P Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
C **That I might not sin against You!**  
P Blessed *are* You, O LORD!  
C **Teach me Your statutes!**  
P With my lips I have declared  
C **All the judgments of Your mouth.**  
P I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,  
C **As *much as* in all riches.**  
P I will meditate on Your precepts,  
C **And contemplate Your ways.**  
P I will delight myself in Your statutes;  
C **I will not forget Your word.**

# #446:1-4 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

by Johann B. Freystein, 1671-1718

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,  
From thy sleep awaken; Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken. For the Foe,  
Well we know, Oft his harvest reapeth  
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find thee; For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind thee. Satan's prey  
Oft are they Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.

3. Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its pow'r defeat thee.  
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled  
She betray and cheat thee. Watch and see  
Lest there be Faithless friends to charm thee,  
Who but seek to harm thee.

4. Watch against thyself, my soul,  
Lest with grace thou trifle; Let not self thy tho'ts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle. Pride and sin  
Lurk within All thy hopes to scatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

## SERMON

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## COMPLACENCY

While we Often Become Complacent, Jesus Watches and Prays For Us.

# 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.

# PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

## 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

## #144 "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"

By Johann Heermann, 1585-1647

1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing

In Thy holy wounds I find,

Every hour that I am feeling

Pains of body and of mind.

Should some evil thought within

Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,

Show the peril, and from sinning

Keep me ere its first beginning.

2. Should some lust or sharp temptation

Prove too strong for flesh and blood,

Let me think upon Thy Passion,

And the breach is soon made good.

Or should Satan press me hard,

Let me then be on my guard,

Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"

That the Tempter flee confounded.



3. If the world my heart entices  
On the broad and easy road  
With it mirth and luring voices,  
Let me think upon the load  
Thou didst carry and endure  
That I flee all thoughts impure,  
Banishing each wild emotion,  
Calm and blest in my devotion.

4. Every wound that pains or grieves me,  
By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet  
Every bitter cup I meet;  
For Thy all-atoning Passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.



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