



**Jesus,
Peter, &
Me**

LENT MIDWEEK - MARCH 8TH, 2023

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

March 8th, 2023

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Proverbs 1:10-22

¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. ¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to *shed* blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause; ¹² Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit; ¹³ We shall find all *kinds* of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil; ¹⁴ Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse "-- ¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path; ¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷ Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird; ¹⁸ But they lie in wait for their *own* blood, They lurk secretly for their *own* lives. ¹⁹ So *are* the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners. ²⁰ Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. ²¹ She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: ²² "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

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 . . . 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 #3: JESUS BETRAYED

MATTHEW 26:47-68

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
“Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”

⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁵² But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish^[f] by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴ How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

⁵⁷ And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests, the elders, ^[g] and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, ⁶⁰ but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. ^[h] But at last two false witnesses ^[i] came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This *fellow* said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

⁶² And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?"

⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "*It is as you said*. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has

spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! ⁶⁶ What do you think?"

They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck *Him* with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

C **Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;**

P But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,

C **And in His law he meditates day and night.**

P He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season,

C **Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

P The ungodly *are* not so,

C **But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.**

P Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

C **Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **But the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

#346 "Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be"

by Joseph Grigg, c. 1722-1768

1. Jesus! and shall it ever be

A mortal man ashamed of Thee?

Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,

Whose glories shine through endless days?

2. Ashamed of Jesus? Sooner far

Let evening blush to own a star.

He sheds the beams of light divine

O'er this benighted soul of mine.

3. Ashamed of Jesus? Just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon.
'Tis midnight with my soul till He,
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

4. Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend?
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

SERMON

John 18:18 ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

THE COMPANY YOU KEEP

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

#560 Gracious God, again is ended

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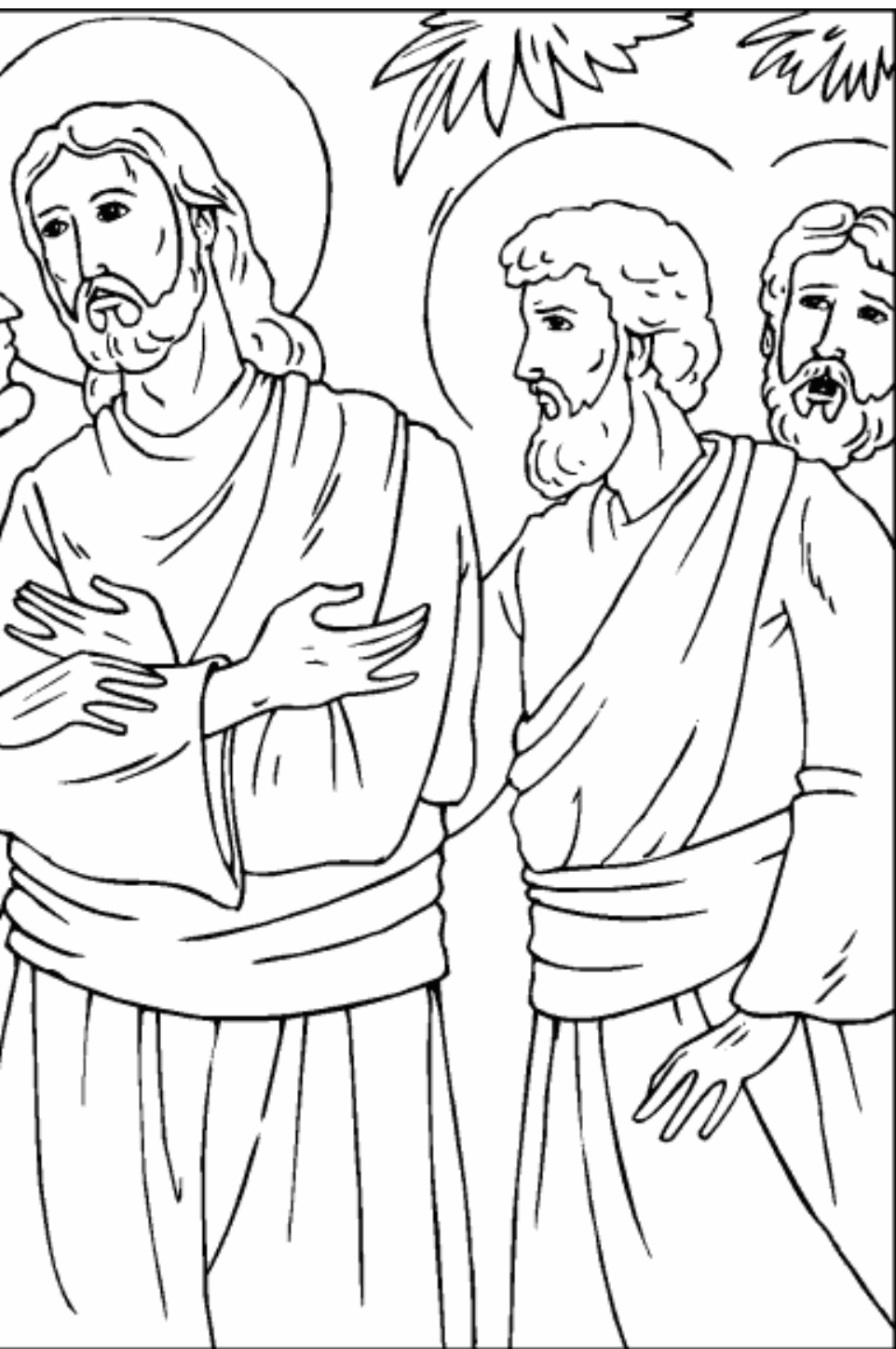
Gracious God, again is ended
Of my life another day.
Show me where I have offended,
Where I faltered on the way;
Let me by Thy grace divine
View this sinful life of mine.
Calmly, as the day now closes,
In Thy love my soul reposes.

Faithful Father, thus before Thee
Now I come with fervent plea;
Though unworthy, I implore Thee,
Be Thou merciful to me;
Let Thy face upon me shine
As the fleeting hours decline.
Help me do Thy will and pleasure
Day by day in fuller measure.

Loving Savior, I will solely
Look to Thee for peaceful sleep;
Sanctify my spirit wholly,
Angels send their watch to keep.
Bid all threatening foes be gone,
Guard my home and all mine own;
Drive away all gloom and sorrow,
Bless me with a glad tomorrow.

Holy Ghost, Thine eyes forever
Watch though darkness hide the view;
Waking always, failing never,
They their loving task pursue.
Gentle Shepherd, as Thy sheep
Now repose in trustful sleep,
So within Thine arms enfold me.







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