

Midweek Lent 5  
March 20, 2024

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm

*Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10*

- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
**I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**  
<sup>2</sup>I will be glad and exult in you;  
**I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
**a stronghold in times of trouble.**  
<sup>10</sup>And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
**for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Psalm 41

- <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!  
**In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**  
<sup>2</sup>the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
**he is called blessèd in the land;**  
**you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
**in his illness you restore him to full health.**  
<sup>4</sup>As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
**heal me, for I have sinned against you!”**  
<sup>5</sup>My enemies say of me in malice,  
**“When will he die and his name perish?”**  
<sup>6</sup>And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
**while his heart gathers iniquity;**  
**when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**  
<sup>7</sup>All who hate me whisper together about me;  
**they imagine the worst for me.**  
<sup>8</sup>They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
**he will not rise again from where he lies.”**  
<sup>9</sup>Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
**who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.**  
<sup>10</sup>But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
**and raise me up, that I may repay them!**

- <sup>11</sup>By this I know that you delight in me:  
**my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**  
<sup>12</sup>But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
**and set me in your presence forever.**  
<sup>13</sup>Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**from everlasting to everlasting!**  
**Amen and Amen.**

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.**
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

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Reading

*Jeremiah 9:12–16*

- L** A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 9.  
<sup>12</sup>Who is the man so wise that he can understand this? To whom has the mouth of the LORD spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through?  
<sup>13</sup>And the LORD says: “Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice or walked in accord with it,  
<sup>14</sup>but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their fathers taught them. <sup>15</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will feed this people with bitter food, and give them poisonous water to drink. <sup>16</sup>I will scatter them among the nations whom neither they nor their fathers have known, and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*2 Timothy 3:1–9*

**L** A reading from 2 Timothy, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup>For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. <sup>9</sup>But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Matthew 26:1–5*

**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 26.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsory (Lent)

**L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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### Sermon: Be Gracious to Me: Vindication

#### 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

**1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

**2** When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God’s righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

**3** To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**4** And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.

And when from death I’m free,

I’ll sing His love for me,

And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,

And through eternity I’ll sing on.

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### Offering

### Prayer

## Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

## Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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.

## Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** Amen.

## 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand  
On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.
- 5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

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