

Midweek Lent 3
March 6, 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 39:12a; 38:22; 86:6-7

- ¹²“Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry;
²²Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!
⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

Psalm 41

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

- ¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1** Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2** Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
- 3** Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessèd Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Reading

- L** A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 7.
- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Deuteronomy 7:22–26

Reading

Revelation 19:11–16

L A reading from Revelation, chapter 19.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 12:20–30

L A reading from John, chapter 12.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

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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: Soon and Never

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *sts. 1, 3, 5, 7, 15*

1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?

3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

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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 O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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.

877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

1 **God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.**

2 **And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,**

**In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us
All through the day.**

3 **Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With You on high.**

△ 4 **Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You,
Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You
While ages run.**

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