

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2022

7:00PM

LENT EVENING PRAYER PROPERS INSERT

*(Continued from page 8 of the worship booklet.)*

**PSALM 69:1-3,13-14,16-18**

*The Psalm is read responsively by verses. The pastor begins.*

**P:** Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**C: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.**

**P:** I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

**C: I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**

**P:** But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

**C: Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

**P:** Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**C: Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.**

**P:** Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

**PSALM PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. God of hope, in Christ's Passover from death to life, You have restored Your fallen creation and raised up to life a people marked for death. Fill us with thanksgiving that we, who by the rescue of Your grace have been made new, may delight in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C: Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53:1-5, Our Savior**

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 1:1-5, Comfort in affliction**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:1-11, In the garden**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

L: The Light shines in the darkness

C: **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

*All who are able, stand*

**HYMN: "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus" LBW 460**

**(Green book)**

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you;  
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.**

**I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

**I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting you to make me holy By your blood.**

**I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

**I am trusting you for power; You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me Must prevail.**

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever And for all.**

*All sit*

**MEDITATION**

*All who are able, stand*

*The liturgy continues on page 8 of the worship booklet with the ANNUNCIATION  
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