

LENT EVENING BULLETIN, March 30, 2022
Barabbas

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

GREETING

All who are able, stand

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O 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.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

PSALM 102:18-22

P: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

C: that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

P: to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

C: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem His praise,

P: when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Lord, while our days vanish like shadows and our lives wear out like a garment, you remain undisturbed by change. Although our earthly lives come to an end, help us to live in Christ's endless life and at length attain our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen**

All sit

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:11-12

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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GOSPEL: John 18:33-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” ³⁸Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

All sit

SERMON

All who are able, stand

HYMN: “What Wondrous Love” LBW 385

(Green book)

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?

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.

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.

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.

LENT RESPONSORY

P: 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.

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

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: O Lord, when the guilty was chosen instead of Your Son and He went to the cross, we saw both the depth of our sin and the greatness of Your mercy. Deliver us from every pride and arrogance that in humility of faith and repentance we may abide in Christ and He in us all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

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