



Lent Midweek 5

March 24, 2021 - 7:00pm

AS WE GATHER

In the conclusion of his First Letter to his co-worker Timothy, Paul encourages his young friend with a shared vision of what is to come as God fulfills all things. He writes of “the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1 Timothy 6:14–15). As Jesus stood before Pilate, who seemed to have the full authority of life and death over Him, our Savior knew who He was and what His kingdom was and is and will be. “My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus stated (John 18:36a). With the psalmist, we affirm, “The LORD will reign forever” (Psalm 146:10). The very best and most blessed time under His gracious kingship is yet to be!

Return To The Kingdom Of God

⊕ PREPARATION ⊕

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Kay Kaepf

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Congregation's Choice

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Joel 2:13; Psalm 103:10; 79:9

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

P He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;

C **deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness. Together we sing the hymn “Lord, to You I Make Confession.”



1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will
3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to
4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the



gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,



Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it



see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.
 sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.
 lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.
 leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

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P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God our Father, grant that, despite our failures and sins, we find redemption through our Savior Jesus Christ, and with hopeful hearts await the glory of His kingdom of eternal grace. With boldness and confidence, we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

⚡ SERVICE OF THE WORD ⚡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-3

A A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapter.

Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
 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.
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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **O Lord, have mercy.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 25:1–7

P To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C **Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C **Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

ALL **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.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1–7

A A reading from First Timothy, the second chapter.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **O Lord, have mercy.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:28–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

A *Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,*

C “What accusation do you bring against this man?”

A *They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.” Pilate said to them,*

C “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.”

A *The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die. So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him,*

C “Are You the King of the Jews?”

A *Jesus answered,*

P “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.”

A *Then Pilate said to Him,*

C “So You are a king?”

A *Jesus answered,*

P “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.”

A *Pilate said to Him,*

C “What is truth?”

A *After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,*

C “I find no guilt in Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

Congregation’s Choice

SERMON

THE LITANY

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

C Amen.

HYMN

Congregation's Choice

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 28

9:00am

In Person and on Facebook Live

Holy Communion

11:30am

In Person

Holy Communion

Interpreted for the Deaf

Maundy Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00pm

In Person and on Facebook Live

Holy Communion

Interpreted for the Deaf

Good Friday, April 2 @ 7:00pm

In Person and on Facebook Live

Interpreted for the Deaf

Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise @ 6:30am

In Person

Holy Communion

9:00am

In Person and on Facebook Live

Dedication of new Communion ware

Holy Communion

11:30am

In person

Holy Communion

Interpreted for the Deaf

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