

IN SUFFERING



BE THY LOVE MY PEACE

THE SUFFERINGS OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE
MIDWEEK OF LENT 3

March 11th, 2020

The congregation assembles in silence.

- Ⓐ The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. ⓐ Amen.
- Ⓐ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- ⓐ **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**
- Ⓐ to herald Your love in the morning,
- ⓐ **Your truth at the close of the day.**
- Ⓐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

- Ⓐ I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- ⓐ **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
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PSALMODY *Psalm of Lamentation, Psalm 142*

- Ⓐ With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
- ⓐ **I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.**
- Ⓐ When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!
In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- ⓐ **Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**
- Ⓐ I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
- ⓐ **Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**
- Ⓐ Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.



1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood
 5 For no one can con - demn me Or set my hope a - side;
 6 Who clings with res - o - lu - tion To Him whom Sa - tan hates



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.
 Now hell no more can claim me: Its fu - ry I de - ride.
 Must look for per - se - cu - tion; For him the bur - den waits



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
 With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;
 No sen - tence now re - proves me, No guilt de - stroy - s my peace;
 Of mock - 'ry, shame, and loss - es Heaped on his blame - less head;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?
 The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.
 For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
 A thou - sand plagues and cross - es Will be his dai - ly bread.

7 From me this is not hidden,
 Yet I am not afraid;
 I leave my cares, as bidden,
 To whom my vows were paid.
 Though life from me be taken
 And ev'rything I own,
 I trust in You unshaken
 And cleave to You alone.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
 I am no longer sad.
 My soul is filled with singing;
 Your sunshine makes me glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

FIRST READING

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 11:21–33

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

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RESPONSORY FOR LENT

☐ We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

☑ **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

☐ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

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OFFICE HYMN

692 Praise to You and Adoration



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

HOMILY

PRAYER

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry.**

L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

L In righteousness I shall see You;

C **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**

L Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- L** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**
- L** Abide with us, Lord, and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. **C Amen.**
- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

- L** Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
 Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation
 which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 a light to reveal You to the nations
 and the glory of Your people Israel.
 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.
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BENEDICTION

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
- C Amen.**

HYMN

878 *Abide with Me*

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Lent / Easter Schedule

Lenten Midweeks

Lenten Dinner 5:15 PM
Service 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM
Midweek Class 6:30 PM

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM
Good Friday 7:30 PM
Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM
Easter Breakfast 7:45 AM
Easter Egg Hunt 8:15 AM
Sunday School 8:30 AM
Easter Day Service 9:30 AM

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