

IN SUFFERING



BE THY LOVE MY PEACE

TRIBULATION OF JOB, THE MUCH-SUFFERING
MIDWEEK OF LENT 5

March 25th, 2020

The congregation assembles in silence.

L The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **C** **Amen.**

L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

L to herald Your love in the morning,

C **Your truth at the close of the day.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

L 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.

C **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 88*

L O LORD, God of my salvation;

I cry out day and night before you.

Let my prayer come before you;

incline your ear to my cry!

C **For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.**

I am counted among those who go down to the pit;

I am a man who has no strength,

L like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,

like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

You have put me in the depths of the pit,

in the regions dark and deep.

C **Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.**

You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow.

- L** Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you?
- C** **Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**
- L** But I, O LORD, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?
- C** **Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.**
- L** They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
my companions have become darkness.

OFFICE HYMN

683 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
3 This love un - wear - ied I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy
tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,
And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a-lone my con-stant flame.
heart re-move; My ev-'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care To guard this sa-cred trea-sure there.
staff and guide, And draw me safe-ly to Thy side!

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Job 2

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

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C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
L 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.
 Guide us waking, O Lord,
 and guard us sleeping
 that awake we may watch with Christ
 and asleep we may rest in peace.**

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

HYMN

878 *Abide with Me*



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Heav' n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, 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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