

This Week's Words for Meditation

Forget It!

A young nun once claimed to have had a vision of Jesus. Her bishop decided to test her truthfulness and ordered that the next time she had a vision she should ask Christ what the bishop's primary sin had been before he became a bishop. Some months later the nun returned, and the bishop asked if she had asked Christ the question, to which she affirmed that she had.

"And what did He say?" the bishop asked, apprehensively.

"Christ said . . . , " and the nun paused a moment. "He said,
'I don't remember.'"

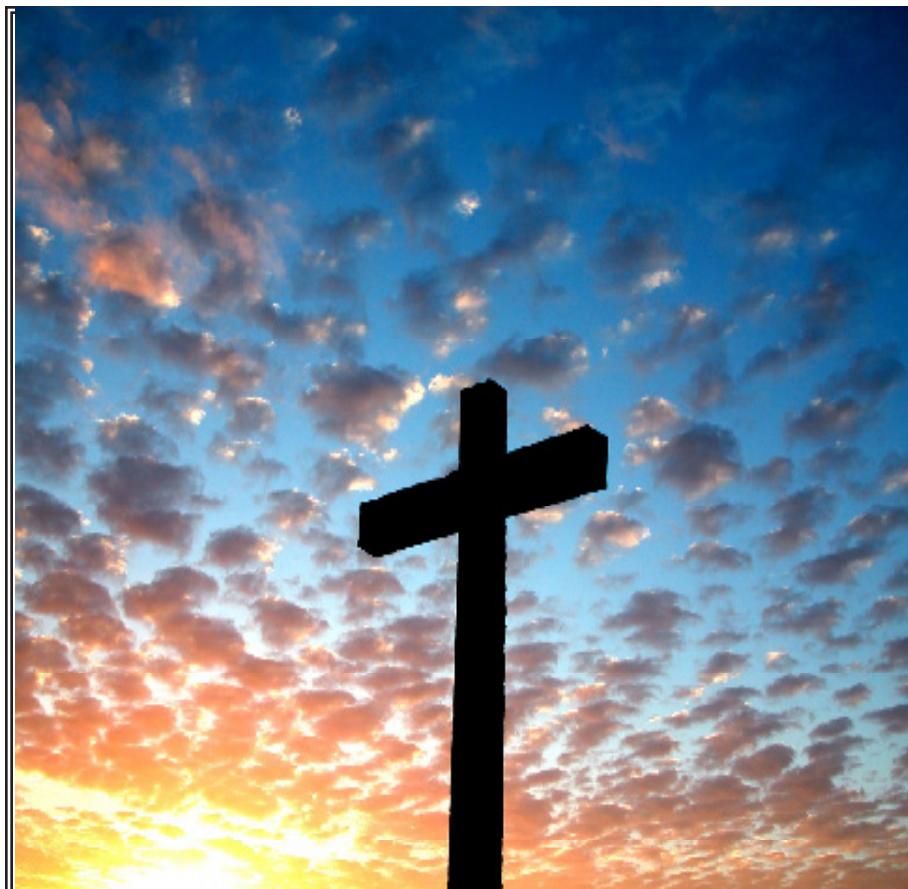
We have a God who not only forgives but *forgets*! He tells us: “I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins” (Isaiah 43:25 RSV). Psalm 103:12 affirms: “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

Accordingly, we should learn to pray: "O God, forgive me for the sin of coming back to You and asking forgiveness for a sin You forgave—and forgot—a long time ago" (O.P. Kretzmann).

So God forgives—and forgets. And then He asks *us* to “forget” our sin. Some people say, “The only thing you can’t change is your past.” But in one sense that’s wrong. God *has* changed your past. Because of Christ’s death on the cross for your sin, your past need not haunt you with guilt anymore. You can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, “change” your past. You can “forget” it, for God has. You are also called to forgive others as Christ has forgiven you (Mark 11:26).

O Lord, thank You for forgiving and “forgetting” my sin. Now empower me to do the same for others. Amen.

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THE SUNDAYS IN LENT

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome! The service is designed to honor God and encourage and feed His people. We hope your heart is open to Him today, and that you sense the warm presence of His Spirit.

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+ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP +

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+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

Pastor's Welcome

March Memory Work:

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save ___, of whom I am the foremost.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

Sharing of the Peace with One Another

Opening Hymn: #424 LSB “O Christ, You Walked the Road”



Verse 1: O Christ, You walked the road

*Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r
And fought our ancient foe.*

Verse 2: No bread of earth alone

*Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.*

Verse 3: No blinding sign we ask,

No wonder from above.

Lord, help us place our trust alone

In Your unswerving love.

Verse 4: When lures of easy gain

With promise brightly shine,

Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;

Our wills with Yours align.

Verse 5: O Christ, You walked the road

Our wand’ring feet must go.

Stay with us through temptation’s hour

To fight our ancient foe.

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Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19b)

C: Amen!

Preparation for Confession – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism –

What Baptism Indicates

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires,

and that a new man should daily emerge and arise

to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father we too may live a new life.”
(Romans 6:4)

+ CONFESSiON AND THE ABSOLUTiON +

Confession and Absolution (p. 184)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
(Hebrews 10:22)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *(Psalm 32:5)*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

Amen.

+ FORGIVEN, WE NOW ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE +

The Kyrie (p. 186) *(Sung at both services)*

(Mark 10:47)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(The Gloria In Excelsis is omitted during Lent.)

Salutation and Collect for this Day (Sung) (p. 189)

P: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C: And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.



+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15 (ESV p. 654)



Jeremiah Threatened with Death

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the L ORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the L ORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the L ORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the L ORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the L ORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV p. 981)

Straining Toward the Goal

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

(Hebrews 12:2)

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the Founder and Perfector of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 (ESV p. 873)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Thirteenth Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Lament Over Jerusalem

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’” ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message: (Please be seated)

The Message Hymn: #563 LSB “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Verse 1: Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness


*My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

Verse 2: Bold shall I stand in that great day,

*Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

Verse 3: Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,

*Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.*

Verse 4: *Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.*

Verse 5: *When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.*

Verse 6: *Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.*

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The Message for the Day: “*A Journey of Laments and Wounds*”
(Luke 13:31-35 & Isaiah 53:5)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

The Gathering of the Offerings for the Lord's Work

Music During the Offering: “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”, LSB 425.

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The Offertory: (p. 192) (*Sung*)

(*Psalm 51:10-12*)



*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

The Prayers of the Church

(after each petition, please respond with - “Hear our Prayer”)

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken) (for the 8:00 a.m. service)

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.

(8:00 a.m. service please proceed to the Benediction)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prepare to Receive Holy Communion (for the 10:45 a.m. service)

We practice Biblical Communion. It is a testimony to our unity in faith and doctrine. All who have been baptized, examined and absolved are welcome. If you are not an active member of this parish or have not previously received communion from Pastor Dolby, please speak with him. We invite you to read and understand Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Timothy 4:16, and Mark 14:23-25.

Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

We receive Christ's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the fruit of the vine, wine/grape juice, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ.

The Preface (p.194) (Spoken)

P: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C: And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. (Psalm 136)

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus (p.195) "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer (p.196) (Spoken and Sung)

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.

(*Sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A - men.**

The Words of Our Lord

Consecration of Elements for Holy Communion (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)

Pax Domini "*The Peace of the Lord*" (Response is Sung) (John 20:19)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - - - men.

Agnus Dei ~ (p. 198) "*Lamb of God*" (Sung) (John 1:29)

*O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O-O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Distribution

Communion Hymn # 1 - #543 LSB "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Verse 1: *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!*



Verse 2: 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.

Verse 3: 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.

Verse 4: 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.

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Communion Hymn # 2 - #699 LSB "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Verse 1: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

Verse 2: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

Verse 3: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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Nunc Dimitis ~ Song of Simeon (p. 199) (Sung) (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving (p. 200)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endureth forever.

(Psalm 107:1)

Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 201) (*Please Stand*)

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus (p.201-202)

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction (p.202) (Response is **Sung**)

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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, amen, a - men.

The Sending Hymn: #919 LSB “*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*”

Verse 1: *Abide, O dearest Jesus,
 Among us with Your grace
 That Satan may not harm us
 Nor we to sin give place.*

Verse 2: *Abide, O dear Redeemer,
 Among us with Your Word,
 And thus now and hereafter
 True peace and joy afford.*

Verse 3: Abide with heav'nly brightness

*Among us, precious Light;
 Your truth direct and keep us
 From error's gloomy night.*

Verse 4: Abide with richest blessings

*Among us, bounteous Lord;
 Let us in grace and wisdom
 Grow daily through Your Word.*

Verse 5: Abide with Your protection

*Among us, Lord, our strength,
 Lest world and Satan fell us
 And overcome at length.*

Verse 6: Abide, O faithful Savior,
*Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.*

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The Sending

(Luke 13:35)

P: Behold, your house is forsaken.
 And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say
C: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” Amen.

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TODAY - MARCH 13

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Our Ushers: Steve Fairbanks 8:00 a.m.
 Nicholas Reis / Dave Gasiewicz 10:45 a.m.

Our Acolytes: Katelynn Allison / Benjamin Mercredi

Our Duty Elders: Paul Batig / Steve Fairbanks

Our Music Worship Leader: Diane Fairbanks & Barbara Burger 8 a.m.
 Christopher Mueller 10:45 a.m.

Our Evangelists: / Pastor Bob

Our Altar Care: Diane Fairbanks & Linda Price

Our Duty Trustee: Dave Gasiewicz

Our AV Team Member: Jani Kuivalainen

Our Greeters: The Callahan Family 8:00 a.m.
 Ruth Poe 10:45 a.m.

Our Counters: Shawna Mercredi 8 a.m.
 Shawna Mercredi 10:45 a.m.

THIS WEEK—LORD WILLING

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Yardwork Wednesday Crew
 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Mid-Week Service at All Saints
 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal at All Saints
 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Mid-Week Service at All Saints

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Pastors' Circuit Meeting @ All Saints



Sharing Christ's Love and Mercy with All!

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 20

Our Ushers: Allen & Beth Mannion 8:00 a.m.
 George & Linda Price 10:45 a.m.
 Katelynn Allison / Joshua Shibu
 Steve Fairbanks / Shibu Samuel
 Marie Porterfield 8:00 a.m.
 Marie Porterfield 10:45 a.m.
 Joyce Gettel / Benjamin Mercredi
 Kristin Dolby & Pat Roley
 George Price
 Jani Kuivalainen
 Allen & Beth Mannion / Erika Wolfkill
 Allen & Beth Mannion 8:00 a.m.
 George & Linda Price 10:45 a.m.

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