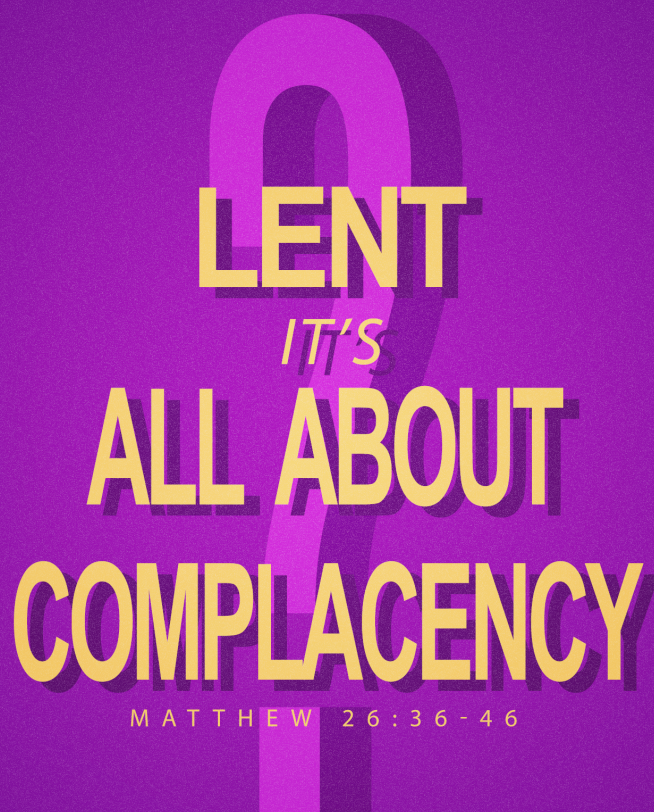


Sunday, February 25, 2024, 9:00am
Service of Prayer and Preaching
Lent...It's All About?



Ours is a Lenten journey with Jesus.
We walk with Jesus, in Peter's shoes. We see, in Peter's words and deeds, a picture of ourselves, our sin, and our need for the ashes of repentance.

Prelude

#685, *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home
above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with
me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our
sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from
destruction, Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into
sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with
You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there
we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me
faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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P: This is the day which the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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

C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: Jesus said, If any man would come after Me,

C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P: Jesus was wounded for our transgressions.

C: He was bruised for our iniquities.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

P: The Lord God is my strength and my song,

C: and He has become my salvation.

P: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

C: And you will say in that day,

P: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,

C: make known His deeds among the peoples,

P: proclaim that His name is exalted.

C: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously,

C: let this be made known in all the earth.

P: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

C: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Children's Time

O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Voice Choir

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

L: A reading from Genesis, the 17th Chapter.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you....And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 5:1-11

L: A reading from Romans, the 5th Chapter,

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. This is the Word of our Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

P: He is the Lord our God,

C: His judgments carry throughout the earth.

P: He remembers His covenant forever,

C: the word He ordained for a thousand generations—

P: the covenant He made with Abraham,

C: and the oath He swore to Isaac.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Our Holy Gospel and Sermon Text is from St. Matthew, Chapter 26, verses 36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest

later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.” This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

P: We speak His commands,

C: You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P: We profess our faith,

C: 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.

P: We 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.

#425, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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The Sermon *It's All About Complacency*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

P: Let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord,
C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: 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: Amen.

P: We pray,

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

C: Amen.

#917, *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

- 2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon Thy name.
- 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light. From harm and danger keep Thy children free; For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
- 4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife; Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

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Postlude