

February 28, 2024 - Midweek Lent 2

# I Have Sinned

## As We Gather

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the subject of all the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments. But some passages say puzzling and seemingly impossible things about Him. Consider Psalm 41:4: "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You." David, the writer of this psalm, was indeed a sinner who needed God's gracious forgiveness. How puzzling it is that we would apply this confession of sin to our sinless Lord! But Paul writes, "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). In your Baptism, your sinless Jesus has joined Himself to you and has fulfilled all the words that testify of Him.

## Preservice Music

*JuBELLation Choir*

## Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
  - C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
  - P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
  - C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 41*

- P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
- C** **In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;**
- P** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
- C** **You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
- P** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
- C** **As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"**
- P** My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

- C** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- P** All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- C** They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."
- P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- P** By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- C** But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.  
**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**  
**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.**

## Opening Hymn

### Reading

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

- P** A reading from First Peter, the second chapter.

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Passion of Our Lord

*John 1:29–32*

## Hymn of the Day: Upon the Cross Extended

**LSB 453** *sts. 1–2, 4, 7*

## Sermon: I Have Sinned

*Psalm 41:4*

## Kyrie

**C** **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

## Lord's Prayer

### Collects

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

**P** O Lord, our God, we ask You with our whole heart to forgive our sins and wipe out our errors. Direct our actions and, by the indwelling of Your Spirit, purify our consciences and sanctify our hearts so that, forgiven and renewed, we may serve You and walk in Your ways; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and

quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

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