

# Midweek Lent 3

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### 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 7-9



7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,  
8 O might - y King, no time can dim Thy glo - ry!  
9 For vain - ly doth our hu - man wis - dom pon - der—



That broughtThee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!  
How shall I spread a - broad Thy won - drous sto - ry?  
Thy woes, Thy mer - cy, still tran - scend our won - der.



All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was  
How shall I find some wor - thy gifts to  
Oh, how should I do aught that could de -



try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.  
prof - fer? What dare I of - fer?  
light Thee! Can I re - quite Thee?

### Opening Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
  - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  - L** 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.**

### Psalm

Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8

- L** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- C** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- L** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- C** Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- L** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- C** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- L** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- C** the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- L** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- C** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- L** Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- C** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- L** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### Reading

1 Kings 16:29–33; 21:20–29

<sup>29</sup>In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. <sup>30</sup>And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. <sup>31</sup>And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. <sup>32</sup>He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. <sup>33</sup>And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

<sup>20</sup>Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. <sup>22</sup>And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. <sup>23</sup>And of Jezebel the LORD also said, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls

of Jezreel.’ <sup>24</sup>Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat.”

<sup>25</sup>(There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. <sup>26</sup>He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the people of Israel.)

<sup>27</sup>And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. <sup>28</sup>And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>29</sup>“Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster upon his house.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Matthew 23:11–24*

<sup>11</sup>“The greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup>Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

<sup>13</sup>“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. <sup>15</sup>Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

<sup>16</sup>“Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ <sup>17</sup>You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

<sup>18</sup>And you say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ <sup>19</sup>You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? <sup>20</sup>So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. <sup>21</sup>And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup>And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

<sup>23</sup>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup>You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!”

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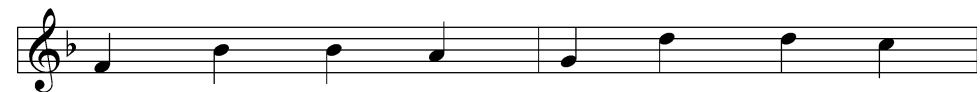
### 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges,  
 3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
 Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
 O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
 Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
 Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,  
 Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
 Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
 All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
 Per - fect God on thee has bled!

### Sermon

Theme: “Ahab: The King Whose Repentance Was Too Little, Too Late”  
 Text: 1 Kings 16:29-33; 21:20-29

### Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Apostles' Creed

**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  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Versicles

**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.  
**L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.

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**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.  
**L** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.  
**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.  
**L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.  
**L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"  
**L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.  
**L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.  
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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.

## Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

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**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** Amen.

## **Parting Blessing**

*Believing, we rejoice*

*To see the curse remove;*

*We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice*

*And sing His bleeding love.*

**Please place your offering in an offering plate as you depart.**

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