

# Midweek Lent 4

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7:00p

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

sts. 10–12



10 Yet un - re - quit - ed, Lord, I would not leave Thee;  
11 But since my strength will nev - er - more suf - fice me  
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



I will re - nounce what - e'er doth vex or grieve Thee  
To cru - ci - fy de - sires that still en - tice me,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most  
To all good deeds O let Thy Spir - it  
To do Thy will shall be my sole en -



low - ly All fires un - ho - ly.  
win me And reign with - in me!  
deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.

### 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 107:1–9; antiphon: v. 19

- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
- L** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- C** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- L** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- C** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- L** He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- C** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- L** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

### Reading

2 Kings 24:18–25:7

<sup>18</sup>Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. <sup>19</sup>And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. <sup>20</sup>For because of the anger of the LORD it came to the point in Jerusalem and Judah that he cast them out from his presence.

And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

<sup>1</sup>And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. And they built siegeworks all around it. <sup>2</sup>So the city was besieged till the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. <sup>3</sup>On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. <sup>4</sup>Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were around the city. And they went in the direction of the Arabah. <sup>5</sup>But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him. <sup>6</sup>Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they passed sentence on him. <sup>7</sup>They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in chains and took him to Babylon.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Christus Choir (CSP) "Call to Reembrace, O Lord"

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## Reading

Mark 6:31–44

<sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

## Sermon

Theme: “Zedekiah: The King Who Turned Out the Lights”

Text: 2 Kings 24:18—25:7

## Kyrie

- 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 † 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.**
- 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.**

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## Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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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