Midweek Lent 3

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That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;





Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Opening Versicles

LSB 285

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- 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* 38:1-22

- L O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!
- For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.
- L There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
- **C** there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
- L For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,

- I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.
- **C** For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- **I** I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.
- L My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.
- L Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.
- But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
- **L** I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
- But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
- L For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!" For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.
- **C** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
- L But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
- **C** Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good.
- **L** Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!
- Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Reading Isaiah 50:4-11

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GoD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GoD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. ¹¹Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

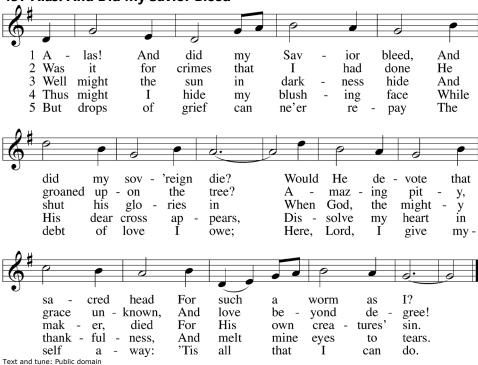
Reading *Matthew 26:57-58*

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





Sermon

Theme: Jesus, Peter, and Me: It's All about Distant Discipleship

Text: Matthew 26:57-58



Kyrie LSB 285

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

Lord's Prayer

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 LSB 286

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C let my cry come to You.
- 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.
- Cast me not away from Your presence,and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

- **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,
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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 LSB 287

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Blessing LSB 287

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

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