

Giving It Up

A sermon series for Lent



Control

Expectations

Superiority

Enemies

Our Lives

Popularity

Lent Midweek 2
February 21, 2024
7:00 PM

- A** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- C** **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**
- A** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
- C** **He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- A** You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- C** **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- A** A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- C** **You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- A** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**
- A** For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- C** **On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- A** You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** **“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**
- A** When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- C** **With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”**

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–4a

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 12.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Reading

John 3:1–17

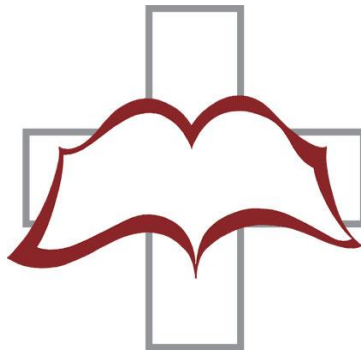
- A** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

- A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Responsory (Lent)

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8 LSB 231

A Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

A In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

A Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Sit

Sermon

Giving It Up: Giving Up Expectations

Offering

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Canticle

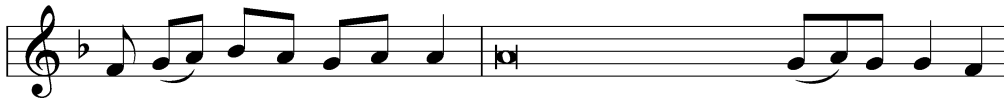
A Let my prayer rise before You as incense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

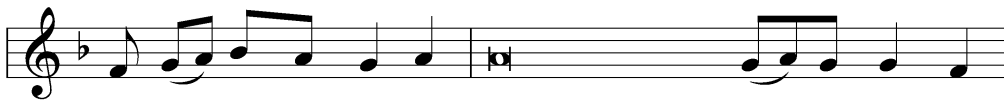
Luke 1:46-55 LSB 231



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.

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I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



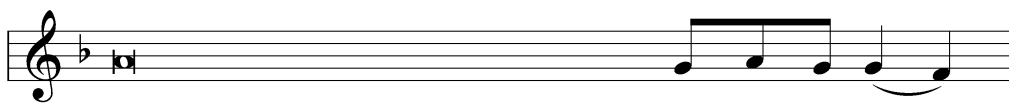
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



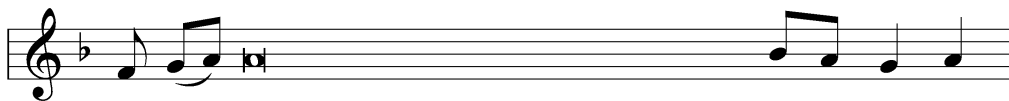
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



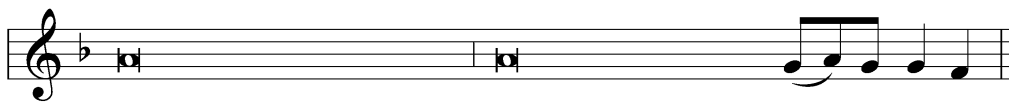
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



III Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Prayer

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

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

C Amen.

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.

Collects

A O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

A 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.

Collect for Peace

A 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 A - men.

Luther's Evening Prayer

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

Psalms 103:1 LSB 234

A Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14 LSB 234

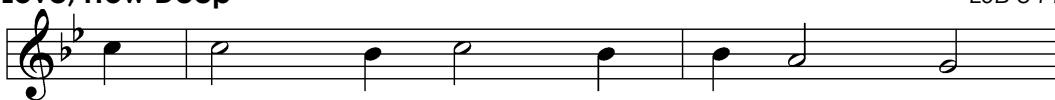
P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C A - men.

544 O Love, How Deep

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 He bore the shameful cross and death;
 For us He gave His dying breath.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 Forever and forevermore.

6 For us He rose from death again;
 For us He went on high to reign;
 For us He sent His Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

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Lent Midweek at Christ

FEBRUARY 14, 21, 28; MARCH 6, 13, 20

4:00 PM - CONFIRMATION

5:00 PM - CLASSES/BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM - LENT MEAL*

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7:00 PM - LENT WORSHIP

7:30 PM - CHOIR

CHOIR WILL NOT MEET ON 2/14 (ASH WEDNESDAY).

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS WILL MEET IN THE BASEMENT DURING THE MEAL.

CONFIRMATION WILL NOT MEET ON 3/13 (SPRING BREAK).