



PSALMS OF THE PASSION

LENTEN SERIES

First Midweek Lenten Service

March 1, 2023, 6:30pm

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This Lenten Sermon Series allows us to consider the way the Psalms direct us to meditate on the passion of Christ. Each chosen Psalm enables the preacher to enter into three worlds with the text: the world of the Psalm, the world of Christ's life and passion, and the world of the believer.

~Hymn 293, vv. 1, 4, 6 *O What Precious Balm and Healing*

~**Confession of Sin**— *Admitting our sinfulness to God* (ELH p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening prayers*

(ELH pp. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth 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 Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

~**Psalmody Psalm 31:1-8**

(ELH p. 121)

P: In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.

C: Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.

P: For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

C: Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

C: I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the LORD.

P: I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,

C: And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~Special Music *Miserere Mei, Deus*

(Arr. Arlen Clark; from Psalm 51:1)

Miserere mei Deus secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

(Have mercy on me O God, According to Your great kindness.)

~Passion History Reading

(from the Gospel According to St. Matthew)

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 296 *Savior, When in Dust to Thee*

~Sermon Text

(EHV)

Psalm 34:4-8, 17-22 I sought the LORD, and he answered me. From all my terrors he delivered me. His people look to him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush. This poor man called, and the LORD heard. From all his distress the LORD saved him. The Angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him... The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears. From all their distress he delivers them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all. He watches over all his bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked. Those who hate the righteous will be found guilty. The LORD redeems the soul of his servants. Anyone who takes refuge in him will not be found guilty.

~Sermon Theme

"Let Us Find Our Refuge in the Lord"

~Hymn 206 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

~Lenten Prayer

~Versicle

(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

~Nunc Dimittis — *“Now I Depart”*

(ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~Kyrie — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 125)

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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 126-127, II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God’s people*

(ELH p. 127)

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.

~Hymn 587 *Jesus, Still Lead On*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2023 — “Psalms of the Passion”

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Pastor Micah Plocher; Psalm 31

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Pastor Ken Mellon; Psalm 109

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