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Third Midweek Lenten Service

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*This year's Lenten Theme is "**The Road to Redemption.**" Throughout the ages God has proven that he has a well-mapped out plan for the Redemption of His people! During this year's Midweek Lenten Services we will look at how God has always had a plan—we see this throughout the Old Testament. He was preparing His people and leading them down the Road to Redemption—leading them to Jesus. As we consider various events, figures, and prophetic types from Old Testament history, we gain a better understanding and appreciation of God's mapped out plan. He reveals to us the Road that He has already led His people down—leading them to Christ. This gives us comfort and encouragement to put our trust in Him as He continues to lead US now down "**The Road to OUR Redemption.**" May God bless and strengthen our faith through His Word and Sacraments during this Lenten Season!*

~Hymn 253, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From thy sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken.
For the foe,
Well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.

3. Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its pow'r defeat thee;
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled
She betray and cheat thee.
Watch and see
Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm thee
Who but seek to harm thee.

5. But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay,
Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless
In distress
And let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,
Knowing He will hear us
As we see from day to day
Dangers ever near us,
And the end
Doth impend—
Our redemption neareth
When the Lord appeareth.

~**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 116*

(ELH p. 121)

P: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.

C: Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, He saved me.

P: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C: For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,**

P: that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

C: I trusted in the Lord when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";

P: in my alarm I said, "Everyone is a liar."

C: What shall I return to the Lord for all His goodness to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants.

C: Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

P: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

C: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,

P: in the courts of the house of the Lord— in your midst, Jerusalem.

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, forever more. Amen.

~The Passion History #2

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 284 Go to Dark Gethsemane

*1. Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*2. Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.*

*3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

*4. Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom,
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.*

~Sermon Text

Genesis 3:15-19 I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

To the woman he said:

I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing.
With painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
but he will rule over you.

To Adam he said:

Because you listened to your wife's voice
and ate from the tree about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat from it,"
the soil is cursed on account of you.

You will eat from it with painful labor all the days of your life.
Thorns and thistles will spring up from the ground for you,
but you will eat the crops of the field.

By the sweat of your face you will eat bread
until you return to the soil,
for out of it you were taken.

For you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

~Sermon Theme

“Road to Redemption: From Garden to Garden”

~Hymn *Behold Redemption’s Road*

(Tune: Old 120th Hymn #454 CW)

*1. Behold, redemption’s road
On which our Savior strode
To death and grave He goes
To pay the debt we owe.
The price our souls to gain
Was cross, and lash and shame.*

*2. Through serpent’s lying breath
All men have tasted death.
But now, in tempting hour,
Though bruised by Satan’s power,
Christ stands to crush his head,
And raise men from the dead.*

*3. How wondrous are the ways
That God his people saves
And what does God us owe?
And who His mind has known?
With humble praise now shout
these paths he has traced out!*

~Versicle

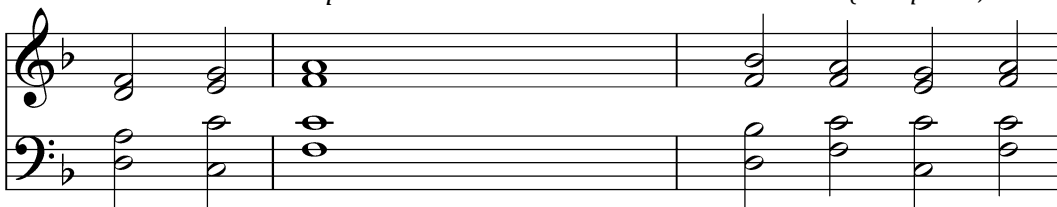
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

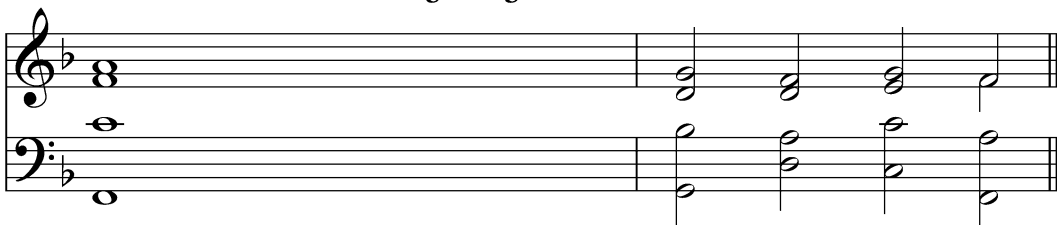
C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Nunc Dimittis — “Now I Depart”

(ELH p. 124; Lk. 2:29-32)



1. Lord, now You let Your servant de- part in peace:
2. For my eyes have seen Your Sal- va- tion:
- >3. A Light to light- en the Gen- tiles:
4. Glo- ry be to the Father and to the Son
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be:



1. accord- ing to Your Word;
2. which You have prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
- >3. and the glory of Your peo- ple Isra- el.
4. and to the Ho- ly Ghost.
5. forev- er- more. A- men.

~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 565** *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*

1. All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself and Thee
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

2. Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full Day.
O may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake!

3. When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thought supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Preacher: Pastor Ken Mellon
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2021
"The Road to Redemption"

March 10: Midweek Lent 4 —
Pastor Andrew Schmidt (St. Paul's)
"Seal to Seal" Daniel 6:16-23

March 17: Midweek Lent 5 —
Pastor Matthew Moldstad (Peace)
"Pole to Pole" Numbers 21:4-8

March 24: Midweek Lent 6 —
Pastor John Petersen
"King to King" Deuteronomy 17:18-20

