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Divine Service, Setting Four

As We Gather

The theme of Lent is repentance. Today, we are given a prophet’s story of warning against a people who refused His mercy. But it is not the only story. The Lord still invites us to find a refuge in the wings of His mercy and, to all who will receive Him and believe on His name, there is no limit to His grace. The Lord is determined to go to the cross for us and to bestow upon us all the treasures of His grace, but the path that leads to Christ is the way of repentance and faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts so that we may not refuse the Lord’s invitation and may rejoice in the wings of His mercy forevermore.

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
light And should be done as good and right.  
sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow’r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

**P** For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

**C** O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your | pasture?

**P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!\*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

**C** Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;\*

the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

### Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 26:8–15*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 26.

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:17—4:1*

**P** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter 3.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that  
Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 13:31–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** <sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

Sit

708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And

has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from

heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For enemies of Christ’s Church laid up for destruction, that God would cause them to repent and make them citizens of His kingdom; and for us His people, that He would protect us from their evil intentions and lead us after the example of the apostles who willingly suffered wrong to make Jesus known, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our homes, that they would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge of love here and a foretaste of our heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our nation and its officials, that the Lord would give them wisdom and integrity, and that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder His Church or despise His call to repentance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who are sick and afflicted, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that He who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross would strengthen their faith and deliver them from suffering, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For faith that acknowledges God’s wrath and His kindness, that delivered from the judgment and disaster we deserve for our sins, we would strive to mend our ways and deeds, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Almighty God, Your Son suffered the reproach of mankind even as He bore all of our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and boldly to declare Your salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

956 Create in Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new  
 a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
 from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion;  
and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.  
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## Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**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.

## 6 Collect for Peace

**P** 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

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**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.  
Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester  
Text and tune: Public domain

### Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** is studying Genesis at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 10am. They are studying the Book of Numbers.

**Church Council** next meeting is **March 20** at 8am.

**Lent Services** will be **March 16, 23, 30, and April 6**. A light meal will be served at **6:30pm** with **Lenten Vespers** at **7pm**. Watch for the dinner sign-up sheets going up shortly.

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