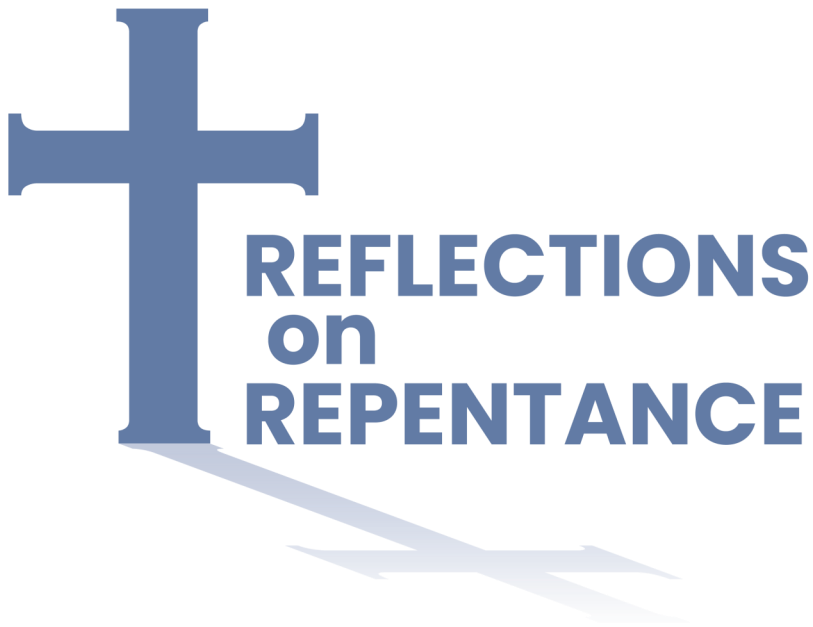


March 19, 2025
Lent III



Remembering
God's Perfect Demands

Remain seated

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of day.

565 In Adam We Have All Been One



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one
2 We fled our God, and, los - ing him, we
3 But your strong love, it sought us still and
4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, you



huge re - bel - lious man; we all have fled that
lost our broth - er too; each sin - gly sought and
sent your on - ly Son that we might hear his
loved and saved us all; O great Good Shep - herd



eve - ning voice that sought us as we ran.
claimed his own, each man his broth - er slew.
shep - herd - voice and, hear - ing him, be one.
of man - kind, now hear us when we call.

5 Send us your Spirit, teach us truth to purge our vanity;
from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise to your eternal throne,
where with the Father evermore and Spirit you are one.

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Confession

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Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

51D God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalms 51D sts. 2-3



2 My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my
3 I am e-vil, born in sin; you de-sire all



soul op-press; I have sinned a- gainst your grace
truth with-in. You a-lone my Sav-ior are,



and pro-voked you to your face; I con-fess your
teach your wis-dom to my heart; make me pure, your



judg-ment just, speech-less, in your mer-cy trust.
grace be-stow, wash me whit-er than the snow.

Prayer

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Passion History of Our Lord

LESSON THREE

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with lanterns, torches, swords, and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas was leading them. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they replied. "I am he," Jesus told them. Judas, the betrayer, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, "I am he," they backed away and fell to the ground. Then Jesus asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" "Jesus the Nazarene," they said. "I told you that I am he," Jesus replied. "So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the statement he had spoken: "I did not lose any of those you have given me."

Now the betrayer had given them a sign: "The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him." Immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with a sword?" Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this! Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. The company of soldiers, their commander, and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, because he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews, "It is better that one man die for the people."

Simon Peter and another disciple kept following Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, so he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. But Peter stood outside by the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out and talked to the girl watching the door and brought Peter in. The servants and guards were standing around a fire of coals that they had made because it was cold. While they warmed themselves, Peter was standing with them, warming himself too. One of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about. Woman, I do not know him." When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This is one of them. This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man." After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, because even your accent gives you away. You are a Galilean!" Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about! I do not know the man!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter.

Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." He went outside, broke down, and wept bitterly. The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in a synagogue or at the temple, where all the Jews gather. I said nothing in secret. Why are you questioning me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said." When he said this, one of the guards standing there hit Jesus in the face. "Is that how you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus answered, "testify about what was wrong. But if I was right, why did you hit me?"

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree. The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

They answered, "He is deserving of death!" Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?" The guards also took him and beat him. And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

431 O Perfect Life of Love



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done of all the Fa - ther willed;
3 No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;
4 And on his thorn-crowned head and on his sin - less soul



all that he left his throne a - bove to do for us be - low.
his toil, his sor - rows, one by one, the Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
all forms of hu - man grief and care have pierced that ten - der heart.
our sins in all their guilt were laid that he might make us whole.

5 In perfect love he dies; for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice, you died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

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Sermon Remembering God's Perfect Demands Psalm 51:6

Sermon Lesson *Psalm 51:6*

⁶Since you desire truth on the inside,
in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.

559 If Your Beloved Son, O God



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row
4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -
5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; his blood from
na - tion. True right - eous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (sts. 1-4): Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, abr.; (st. 5): Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, Braunschweig, 1661
Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, Wittenberg, 1524 Text and tune: Public domain

Offering

Stand

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.
In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Prayers

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

968 In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant'. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.'

In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Benedicamus

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Be Seated

789 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious
thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose
dark - ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Lent Schedule

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.

Mar 19 Lenten Worship (Pastor Schmidt)
Remembering God's Perfect Demands

Mar 26 Lenten Worship (Pastor Neumann)
Realizing Our Need for Repentance

Apr 2 Lenten Worship (Pastor Pfeifer)
Removing Our Guilt

Apr 9 Lenten Worship (Pastor Smith)
Relying on God's Grace

Thank you to Pastor Schmidt for preaching God's Word to us tonight.

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