

Midweek Lenten Service

March 18, 2020

Opening Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
G and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
G make haste to help me, O Lord,
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1–16

- ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- ²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”
- ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.
- ⁴He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find | refuge;*
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.
- ⁵You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,
- ⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.
- ⁸You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.
- ⁹Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- ¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
- ¹¹For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹²On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- ¹³You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
- ¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

**¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.**

**¹⁶With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation."**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Reading

Luke 22:54–71

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."

⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

John 6:40

⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

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- 1 Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.
- 4 Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey
Throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
That sets itself against Your will.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

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- 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.

Apostles' Creed

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- 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.

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You;
C **for You answer me.**
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
L For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collects

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all who mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- 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 and Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C **Amen.**

758 The Will of God Is Always Best

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- 1 The will of God is always best
 And shall be done forever;
And they who trust in Him are blest;
 He will forsake them never.
 He helps indeed
 In time of need;
He chastens with forbearing.
 They who depend
 On God, their friend,
Shall not be left despairing.
- 2 God is my comfort and my trust,
 My hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just,
 I yield, in Him confiding.
 The very hairs,
 His Word declares,
Upon my head He numbers.
 By night and day
 God is my stay;
He never sleeps nor slumbers.
- 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea,
 Deny me not this favor:
When Satan sorely troubles me,
 Then do not let me waver.
 O guard me well,
 My fear dispel,
Fulfill Your faithful saying:
 All who believe
 By grace receive
An answer to their praying.
- 4 When life's brief course on earth is run
 And I this world am leaving,
Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"
 Your faithful Word believing.
 My dearest Friend,
 I now commend
My soul into Your keeping;
 From sin and hell,
 And death as well,
By You the vict'ry reaping.

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