

2021 MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATIONS  
IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION  
February 24, 2021

*Create in me a*  
**clean heart,**



*God,*  
*and renew a*  
**right spirit**  
*within me.*

*Psalm 51:10, ESV*

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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**HYMN 351: Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

1. Love Divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled heart;  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore, Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost.

Congr.: **Amen.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

Congr.: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

Congr.: **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.  
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:  
world without end. Amen.**

### **The Responsive Reading Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

**Let Your ears be attentive**

**To the voice of my supplications.**

<sup>3</sup> If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

**O Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>4</sup> But *there is* forgiveness with You,

**That You may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

**And in His word I do hope.**

<sup>6</sup> My soul *waits* for the Lord

More than those who watch for the morning—

**Yes, *more than those who watch for the morning.***

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD;

For with the LORD *there is* mercy,

**And with Him is abundant redemption.**

<sup>8</sup> And He shall redeem Israel

**From all his iniquities.**

Pastor: The Collect    Congr.: **Amen.**

THE PASSION HISTORY: The Institution of the Lord's Supper

(p. 174-175, 183)

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Luther's Explanation to  
The Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, Begotten of the Father from  
eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord:

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

**THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.**

### **HYMN 153 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it! 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?

Friends thro' fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;

Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;

But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great

Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;

'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man, and Son of God.

4. Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost;

Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.

Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!

None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

### **SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!**

Theme: He Purchased and Won Me!

Text: Titus 2:13-14

"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works." (NKJV)

**PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER**

## **HYMN 158 Glory Be to Jesus**

1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life blood From His sacred veins.
2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion Infinitely kind.
3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!
4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood,  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

THE BENEDICTION: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.

Congr.: **Amen**

## **HYMN 558:1-4 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, Oh, keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. Oh, may my soul on Thee repose,  
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close  
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake!

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February 17: Text: Romans 5:12, 18  
Theme: He has Redeemed Me, a Lost and Condemned Person  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-12  
Passion Lesson: The Passover (p. 170-172)  
Hymns: 140:1,4,5; 369:1,4,5; 163:1-4; 313:1

February 24: Text: Titus 2:13,14  
Theme: He Purchased and Won Me  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 130  
Passion Lesson: Lord's Supper Instituted (p. 174-175, 183)  
Hymns 351; 153; 158; 558:1-4

March 3: Text: 1 John 1:7-9  
Theme: He Set Me Free from All Sin  
Responsive Reading: Psalm, 103:1-14  
Passion Lesson: Judas Betrays Jesus (p.185-186)

March 10: Text: Romans 6:23  
Theme: He Saved Me from the Death  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 73:21-26  
Passion Lesson: Peter's Denial (p.189-190)

March 17: Text: Genesis 3:15  
Theme: He Saved Me from the Devil's Power  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 2  
Passion Lesson: Trial Before Herod, Barabbas (p.192-194)

March 24: Text: 1 John 3:1  
Theme: He Made Me His Own Forever  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 23  
Passion Lesson: Jesus Is Crucified (p.196-197)

April 1: Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29  
Theme: He Gave His Body and Blood for Me  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 32  
Passion Lesson: Dying Thief, Three Dark Hours (p. 198-199)

April 2: Text: 1 Peter 1:18-21a  
Theme: He Redeemed Me Through His Innocent Sufferings and Death!  
Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:1-19  
Passion Lesson: Jesus' Death and Burial (p.199-201)