

**2021 MIDWEEK LENTEN MEDITATIONS
IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION**

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 140:1,4,5 Jesus, I will Ponder Now

1. Jesus, I will ponder now, On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Thy suff'ring, pain, and death that I may not perish.

4. Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving
Nor thee crucify anew By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me God must have compassion.

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 51:1-12

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,

According to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,

Blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin.

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³ For I acknowledge my transgressions,

And my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned,

And done *this* evil in Your sight—

That You may be found just when You speak,

And blameless when You judge.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

And in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,

And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness,

That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

⁹ Hide Your face from my sins,

And blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence,

And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Pastor: The Collect Congr.: Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY: The Passover (p. 170-172)

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.

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THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

HYMN 369:1, 4, 5 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

1. All mankind fell In Adam's fall,
One common sin infects us all;
From sire to son the ban descends
And over all the curse impends.

4. But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way,
Our only Hope, our only Stay.

5. As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all received the gift of grace.

SERMON: IT'S ALL ABOUT REDEMPTION!

Theme: He Redeemed Me, A Lost and Condemned Person

Text: Romans 5:12, 18

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. ... Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life.” (NKJV)

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 163:1-4 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

2. He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made,
And all our debt He fully paid.

3. That this is now and ever true
He gives an earnest ever new:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.

4. His Word proclaims, and we believe,
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)

Pastor: The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with You always.

Congr.: Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION: (Since participation in communion is a profession of oneness of faith, we ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or a congregation in fellowship with us in CLC, and have previously registered, to partake of the sacrament.)

Pastor: Prayer.

Congr.: Amen.

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 313:1 O Lord, We Praise Thee

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee,
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

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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)

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)