



# REFLECTIONS on REPENTANCE

March 18, 2025

Third Midweek in Lent

## REVEALING OUR SINFUL NATURE

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**ORDER OF SERVICE: THE OFFICE OF COMPLAIN – CLOSE OF THE DAY,  
PG. 128 (ELH)**

The Lord Almighty, grant us a quiet night and peace as it ends.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

**And put away your anger towards me.**

Come quickly and save me O God, to deliver me.

**Come quickly 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 ever shall be, now and forevermore. Amen.**

*\*\*Silence for Meditation\*\**

**OPENING HYMN:**

**#397**

**JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.  
Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816–68.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen. I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me. For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness. Have mercy on me, O God according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” His death paid the for all your sins and for the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

*Psalm tone*



*Refrain*

Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
 according to your unfailing love.  
 Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
 and cleanse me from my sin.  
 For I know my transgressions,\*  
 and my sin is always before me.

*Refrain*

Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
 and done what is evil in your sight.  
 Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
 sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
 Hide your face from my sins,\*  
 and blot out all my iniquity.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
 and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.  
**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.**

*Refrain*

**PSALM 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 to ever 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 for Your Spirit to give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSION READING:

LESSON THREE

**SERMON HYMN:**

#106

**COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN**

1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -  
 4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,  
 lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87.

**SERMON TEXT****PSALM 51: 5**

***Certainly, I was guilty when I was born.  
 I was sinful when my mother conceived me.***

**SERMON:****REVEALING OUR SINFUL NATURE**

**OFFERING** – *In 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 7, PAUL TELLS US: “EACH ONE SHOULD GIVE AS HE HAS DETERMINED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER PRESSURE, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.” THIS SERVICE IS OUR GIFT TO OUR GUESTS; SHOULD YOU FEEL OBLIGED TO GIVE, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.*

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### **RESPONSORY PRAYER**

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

**We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.**

To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our steadfast defender; 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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†) the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you into this night and forever into eternity.

**Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN

#384

BY GRACE I'M SAVED



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;  
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,  
3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise  
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,  
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver  
Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -  
When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan  
In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -  
In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er  
cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your  
plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is  
spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is  
know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -  
soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -  
seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -  
o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -  
Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.  
lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.  
hend God by his grace to you did send.  
cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?  
flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Lillies:** Please consider bringing a Lilly to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. We will need the flowers on Saturday of Easter weekend after 4 pm when the church is being set up.

**Holy Week:** We will celebrate with Jesus' triumphant entry on April 13, Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, Pastor Emmons will be available for private confession at church; please make an appointment. That evening service will be at 5:30 pm as we leave with the stripping of the altar, followed by a service of darkness on Good Friday. As a reminder, we will leave out in silence on both days.

<b>March 25:</b>	<b>Midweek 4</b>	<b>Remembering God's Perfect Demands</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 6</b>
<b>April 1:</b>	<b>Midweek 5</b>	<b>Relying on God's Grace</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 7</b>
<b>April 8:</b>	<b>Midweek 6</b>	<b>Removing Our Guilt</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 8 – 9</b>
<b>April 13:</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Restoring our Hope</b>	<b>Philippians 2: 5 – 11</b>
<b>April 17:</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Renewed Through the Gospel</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 10 – 13</b>
<b>April 18:</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Restored by His Sacrifice</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 14 - 17</b>
<b>April 20:</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope</b>	<b>Psalm 51: 18 – 19</b>

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