



REFLECTIONS on REPENTANCE

March 25, 2025

Fourth Midweek in Lent

REMEMBERING GOD'S PERFECT DEMANDS

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:

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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
5 Send us your Spir - it; teach us truth To



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
purge our van - i - ty. From fan - cied wis - dom,



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, Oh, hear us when we call.
self - sought ways, O Sav - ior, 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 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.



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



Refrain

Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,*

for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*
 so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws,*
 for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,*
 sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PASSION READING:

LESSON FOUR

SERMON HYMN:
IF YOUR BELOVED SON, O GOD

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1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De -
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; Now
 4 All right - eous - ness by works is vain; The
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid On



not to earth de - scend - ed And in our
 spair no more reigns o'er me. No more am
 all my sor - row ceas - es. His words a -
 law brings con - dem - na - tion. True right - eous -
 Christ, your Son, my Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus,



mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's pow - er
 I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has borne sin
 bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from guilt re -
 ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is my sal -
 you my debt have paid And gained for me God's



end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of
 for me. Up - on the cross for me he
 leas - es. Free grace through him I now ob -
 va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri -
 fav - or. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of



mine In hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine
 died That, rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide
 tain; He wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain,
 fice, Has paid the all - suf - fi - cient price;
 grace, The good in me to you I trace;



Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 With you, my God, for - ev - er.
 And pure I stand be - fore him.
 In him my hope is an - chored.
 In faith and hope pre - serve me.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, st. 1-4, abr.; *Neu-vermehrtes vollständiges Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1661, st. 5; tr. composite.
 Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524.

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

SERMON:

REMEMBERING GOD’S PERFECT DEMANDS

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

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OH, PERFECT LIFE OF LOVE



1 Oh, per - fect life of love! All, all is
2 No work is left un - done Of all the
3 No pain that we can share But he has
4 And on his thorn-crowned head And on his
5 In per - fect love he dies; For me he



fin - ished now, All that he left his
Fa - ther willed; His toil, his sor - rows,
felt its smart; All forms of hu - man
sin - less soul Our sins in all their
dies, for me! O all - a - ton - ing



throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
guilt were laid That he might make us whole.
Sac - ri - fice, 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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77, abr., alt.
Tune: SOUTHWELL (SM) William Daman, c. 1540-91.

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.

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

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