



REFLECTIONS on REPENTANCE

April 1, 2025

Fifth Midweek in Lent

RELYING ON GOD'S GRACE

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 COMPLINE – 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:

#103

GLORY BE TO JESUS



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,
5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Lifts its praise on high,



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.
An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76.

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

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Refrain
Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain
To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.
You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.
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

When I was in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted me out. Though your anger blazed down on me because of my sin, you sent your Son to take the brunt of your anger so that I might be spared. Now I rejoice in the splendor of your grace and proclaim your savings deeds to those who will yet praise you as their only Savior. Amen.

PASSION READING:

LESSON FIVE

SERMON HYMN:
I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

#372



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry
4 I long to be like Je - sus: Meek, lov - ing,



Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us From
dwells in him. He heals all my dis - eas - es; My
soul of mine. His right hand me em - brac - es; I
low - ly, mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The



the ac - curs - ed load. I bring my guilt to Je - sus
soul he does re - deem. I lay my griefs on Je - sus,
in his arms re - cline. I love the name of Je - sus,
Fa - ther's ho - ly child. I long to be with Je - sus



To wash my crim - son stains White in his
My bur - dens and my cares; He from them
Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord; Like fra - grance
A - mid the heav'n - ly throng To sing with



blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.
saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76.

SERMON TEXT

PSALM 51: 7

Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean.

Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

SERMON:

RELYING ON GOD'S GRACE

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

#376

JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sin - ners plead, For me— e'en for my soul— was shed.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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.

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| 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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