

## SEASON OF LENT – MARCH 16, 2025

# "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"

by Joseph Hart

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r.

He is able, He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more;
He is able, He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall; if you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call;
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam; This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood; venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good, None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

### CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 135

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People:** Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People:** For the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**Leader:** For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

All: Whatever the Lord pleases, he does.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

# "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

by Charles Wesley and Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee; Leave, oh leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,

Let me take of Thee;

Spring Thou up within my heart;

For all eternity.

### "There is a Fountain"

Words: William Cowper

Music: Karl Digerness

# There is fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains

Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away

Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

# Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power 'Til all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more

Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more;
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die;

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And shall be 'til I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who repent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news:

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem you from all your iniquities.

## "Ancient of Days"

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren and Jesse Reeves Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings I will watch and wait for the Savior King Then my joy complete, standing face to face In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory I will trust in His name For my God is, the Ancient of Days

#### GREETING

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us share His peace with one another.

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

## Psalm 130

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

# "From the Depths of Woe" (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther

Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me And hear my supplication; If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark.

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?) O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth; Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth; No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might.

And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit; His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support.

I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth. Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free.

From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

## "We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

by Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

# We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

## Announcements

#### Benediction

O Church, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. (4x)



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