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Lenten Midweek Four

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A Troubled Heart

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

LSB 556 vs. 7-8

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

(ISAIAH 43:1-2, 4-5A)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Dearest Lord Jesus, our hearts are often troubled, weighed down with the worries and cares of the world.

People: **We come before you this evening, asking You to comfort our hearts with Your Word and with Your presence.**

Pastor: You said to the woman who touched Your cloak, “Take heart, your faith has healed you.”

People: **We look to you for the same gift of reassurance, that the gift of faith, given by the Holy Spirit, would also heal our sin sick soul.**

Pastor: You have promised us that, “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.” (*Is. 66:13*).

People: **Believing Your promises, we say, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.”**
(*2 Cor. 1:3*).

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 42:1-11

Pastor: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?**

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

People: **These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng**

Pastor: and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

People: **Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

Pastor: My soul is cast down within me: therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

People: **Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.**

Pastor: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

People: **I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten Me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”**

Pastor: As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
All: 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess that our faith is often weak, and not strong and fixed
on Your promises as you desire it to be.

People: Instead of trusting your Word, like Gideon we foolishly ask You for signs You
are with us, even though you already gave the greatest sign of Your love on the
cross.

Pastor: Please forgive us for the times we have been like the disciples during the storm
crying out in fear, asking if You will let us perish.

People: Forgive us for putting on a big front for others, when in reality inside we are
of little faith.

Pastor: Our gracious God has heard your prayer and answered it, even before you cried
out to Him. He has forgiven your sins, covering them with the blood of the Lamb
of God. As His under shepherd, I say to you in the name of the Great Shepherd
of His sheep, be at peace and know you are completely forgiven.

People: Thank you Jesus, and help us to remember Your promise that You will not
leave us as orphans, but will come to us. Amen. (*John 14:18*).

CHOIR

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

People: Glory to You O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:27-31

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”

LSB 763

SERMON

“A Troubled Heart”

John 14:1, Luke 23:27-31

OFFERING

PRAYER FOR LENT

Pastor: Lord of Heaven and earth, thank you for calming our troubled hearts with your many wonderful promises, such as “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

People: **When we fail and fall, you promise to lift us up again and restore us by your grace and mercy.**

Pastor: You promise to sustain us on our sickbeds and restore us from our beds of illness (*Ps. 41:3*).

People: **You promise that weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning** (*Ps. 30:51*).

Pastor: You calm our troubled hearts by reminding us that you work all things for the good of those who love You, who are called according to Your purpose (*Rom.8:28*).

People: **With your gift of faith we can see that our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.** (*2 Cor. 4:17*).

Pastor: Most of all, thank you for soothing our troubled hearts by promising to prepare a place for us in Your Father’s Home.

People: **We look forward to eternal pleasures at Your right hand, in our “eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.” Amen.** (*2 Cor. 5:1b*).

HYMN

“The Lamb”

LSB 547

LORD’S PRAYER

EVENING PRAYERS TO MEMORIZE FROM OUR HYMNAL

Pastor: All praise to Thee, my God, this night for all the blessings of the Light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.

People: **Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, myself, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.** (*LSB 883vs. 1-2*).

All: **Jesus Savior, wash away all that has been wrong today. Help me every day to be good and gentle, more like thee. Amen** (*LSB 887 vs. 2*).

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

LSB 877

OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

6:00 PM WORSHIP

Alan Carlson
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