

# Lenten Midweek Service † March 25, 2020

*Text your prayer requests by the end of the readings to 314-303- 2556*

**Preservice Songs:** "Someone Worth Dying For", "I Surrender", "At Calvary"

**Welcome/Opening Prayer**—Pastor David-- Taped

**Opening Song:** "It is Well"

## Invocation

### Confession

**P** O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger,  
nor discipline me in Your wrath.

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, and strength; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have not always trusted You completely. I have put my faith in my possessions, my plans, and my reputation. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** O Lord, all my longing is before You;  
my sighing is not hidden from You.

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have despaired of finding solutions in sudden crises and lengthy ills. I have not come before You to ask for a gracious hearing for Jesus' sake. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have tried to deal with my sins by my own strength, rather than relying on Your gracious words of pardon. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have not understood or accepted Your answers to my prayers. I have asked that my will, not Yours, be done. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.

**C** **I confess, good Lord, that I have not waited for Your answers or guidance. I have sought immediate gratification and solution from myself and the human society around me. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

**P** Enter not into judgment with Your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before You.

**☑ I confess, good Lord, that at times I have believed that I deserved an answer, that You were not listening to me. Look upon my penitence and grant me Your forgiveness.**

## **Announcement of Forgiveness**

### **Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22:22–24**

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

### **Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 14:53–72**

#### **Jesus Before the Council**

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

#### **Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

**Message Song:** “Build My Life”

**Message**

**Principal Brian Ryherd**

**Offering Song:** “Up Calvary’s Mountain” (Blessed Redeemer)

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

### **Benediction**

**Closing Song:** "10,000 Reasons"