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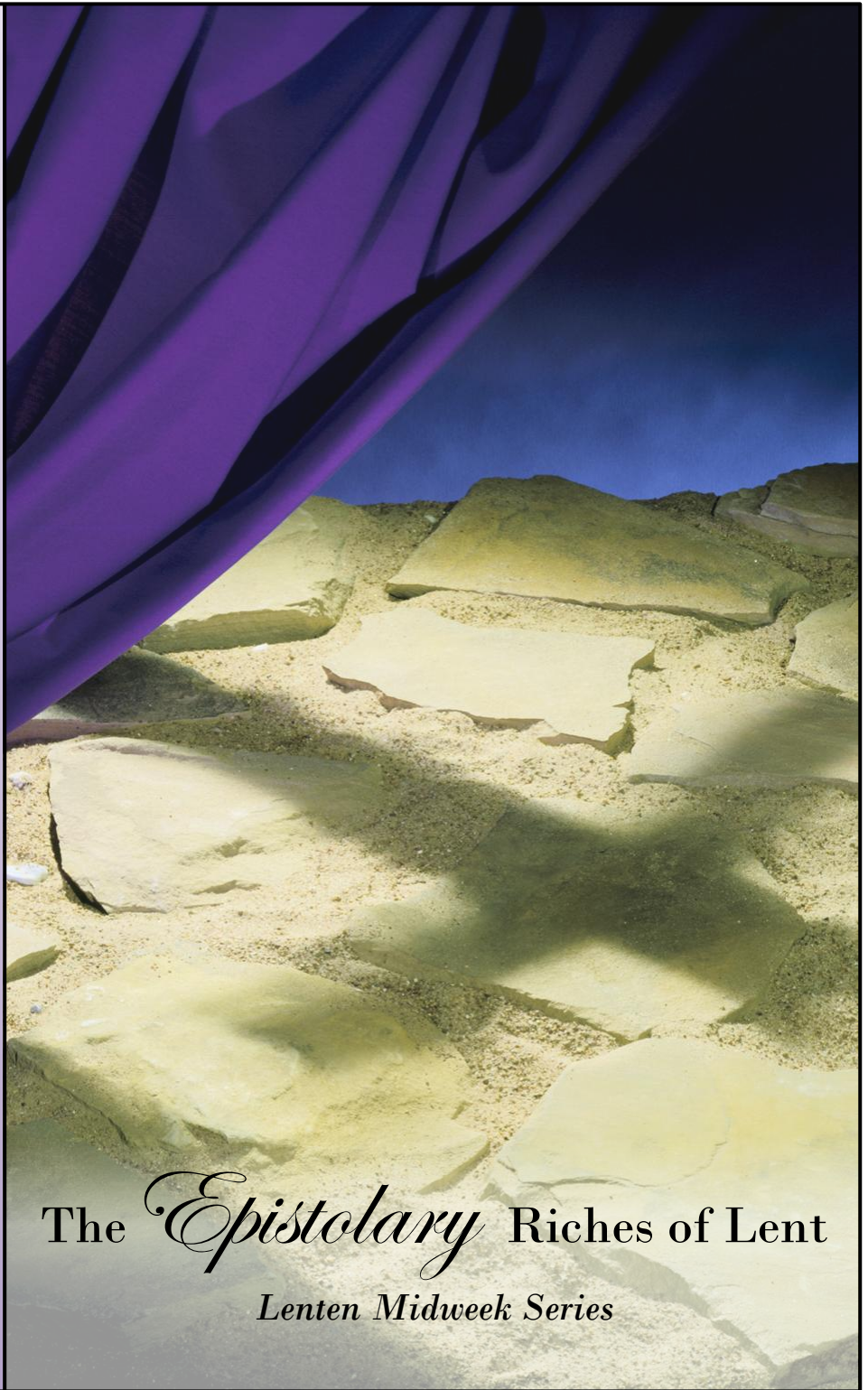
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The *Epistolary* Riches of Lent
Lenten Midweek Series

Service of Prayer and Preaching

OPENING HYMN..... # 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

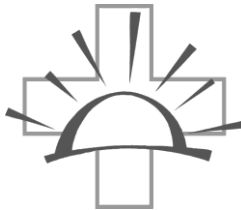


Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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OPENING VERSICLES

Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5

P *This is the day which the Lord has made;*

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P *Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,*

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

P *Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,*

C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

P *Christ was wounded for our transgressions.*

C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*

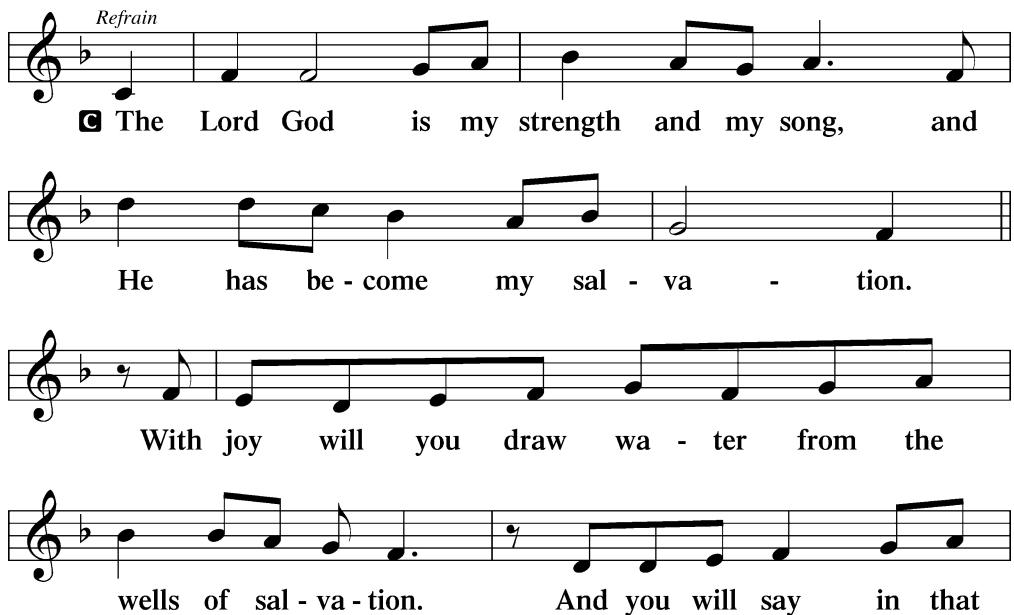
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Isaiah 12:2b-6

Refrain



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up-on His name,



make known His deeds a-mong the peo-ples, pro-



claim that His name is ex-alt-ed."



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be-come my sal-va-tion.



Sing prais-es to the Lord, for He has done



glo-rious-ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in-



hab-i-tants of Zi-on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

P *A reading from Romans, the fourth chapter.*

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**



- P** *I lift up my eyes | to the hills.**
From where does my | help come?
- C** **My help comes | from the LORD,***
who made | heaven and earth.
- P** *He will not let your | foot be moved;**
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
- C** **Behold, he who keeps | Israel***
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
- P** *The LORD is your | keeper;**
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
- C** **The sun shall not strike | you by day,***
nor the | moon by night.
- P** *The LORD will keep you from all | evil;**
he will | keep your life.
- C** **The LORD will keep**
your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Second Reading: John 3:14–17

P *A reading from St. John, the third chapter.*

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

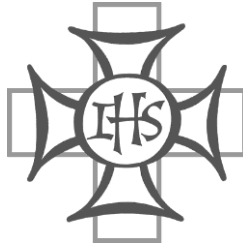
P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

1 John 2:1; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1

- P** *We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- P** *We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**



One or more of the following parts of the Small Catechism may be spoken.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:2-17

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

*(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)*

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.*

SERMON

"For Faith Alone Can Justify" – Romans 4:1-8, 13-17



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

continued

- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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OFFERING

PRAYER

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For ... [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] ... let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P *O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P *Let us bless the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P *The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

C Amen.

MORNING RECESSIONAL HYMN..... # 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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