



"...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20b

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3rd Lenten Wednesday

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AS WE GATHER - LIFE-GIVING MERCY

Tonight, as we gather for this Lenten midweek service, we hear the words of Mark 5:21–43, where our Savior meets fear, sickness, and even death itself with His life-giving mercy. In Jairus's desperate plea and in the quiet faith of the woman who reaches out to touch Him, we see our own need and our only hope. Lent calls us to slow down, to come honestly before the Lord, and to trust that the same Jesus who said, "Little girl, arise," still speaks forgiveness, life, and salvation to His people today.

+PREPERATION+

556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

sts. 1–4



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, WittenbergText and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

A In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

A O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

A Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste 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 will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

PSALM 35

Psalm 35:3, 11–12, 22; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!” Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. You have seen, O LORD; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me! Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!

437 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

st. 2

2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824 Text and tune: Public domain

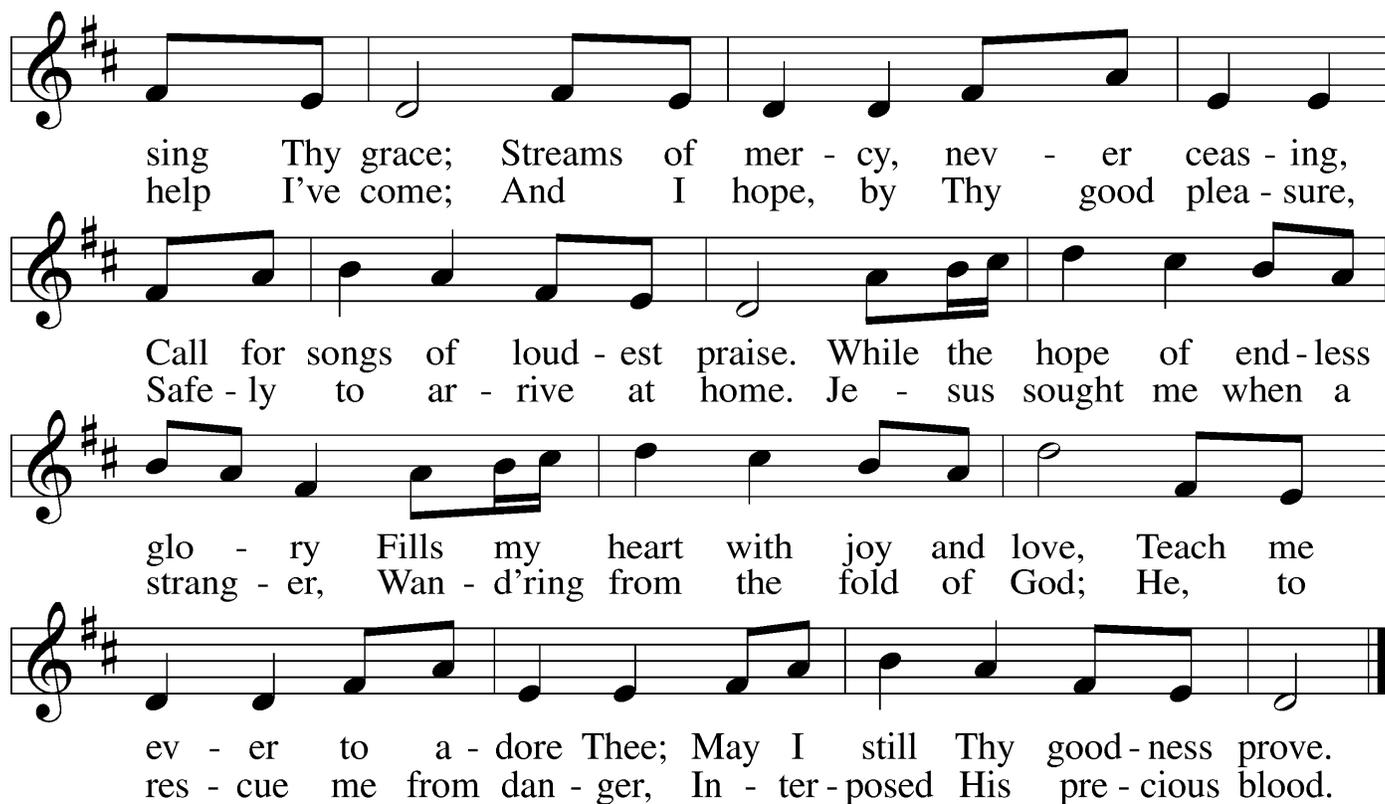
FIRST READING

Matthew 18:1–6

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others. Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His under shepherds and all who care for His flock.
- C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- L** We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- L** We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort. We pray especially for all who have requested our prayers. Let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**
- L** These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING & VIDEO

(As good stewards and as an act of worship we thankfully bring our tithes & offerings to the Lord who gave ALL of Himself for us. At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place it in the offering plate.)

956 CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12; Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain

RESPONSORY

- A** You who share in a heavenly calling.
C If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- A** Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
C If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
- A** Hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
C If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

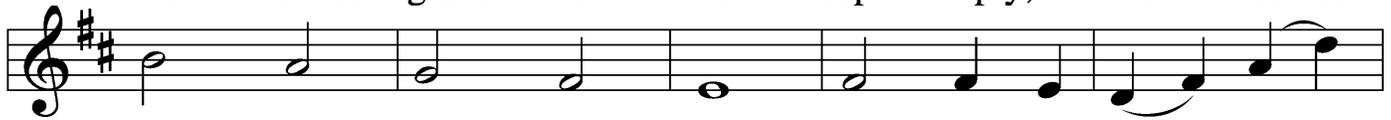
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

sts. 1-4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr. Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793 Text and tune: Public domain

BENEDICTION

- A** The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, who sent His Son; the Son, who is our Deliverer; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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