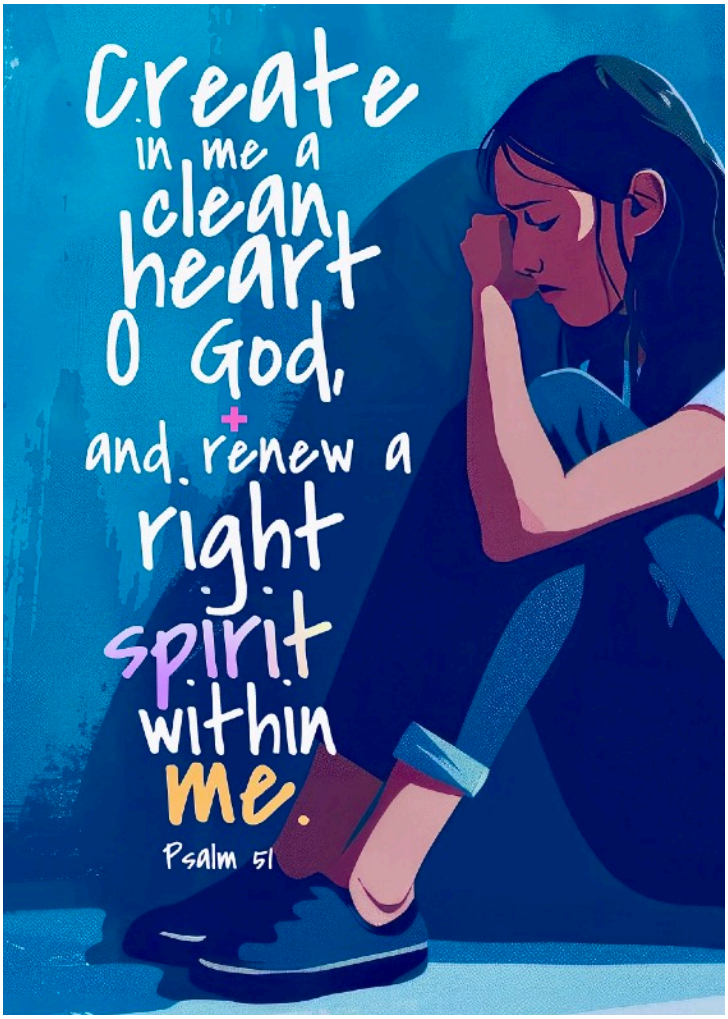
# *Lent Midweek 3*

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**Ringing of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome**

**Opening Hymn - TLH 156** "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

**Not all the blood of beasts  On Jewish altars slain**
**Could give the guilty conscience peace  Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  Takes all our sins away;**
**A sacrifice of nobler name  And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay her hand  On that dear head of Thine**
**While like a penitent I stand  And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see  The burden Thou didst bear**
**When hanging on the cursed tree  And knows her guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice  To see the curse remove;**
**We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  And sing His bleeding love.  Amen.**

**Opening Versicles**

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.
**C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**
P: 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 Ghost:**
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

**Reading – Psalm 51**

**1** Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
**2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
**3** For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
**4** Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
**5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
**6** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
**7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
**8** Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right[ spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**Reading – 2 Samuel 12:1-23**

1 And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. 8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die." 15 Then Nathan went to his house.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

**Sermon Hymn TLH 329** "From Depths of Woe"

**From depths of woe I cry to Thee, Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.**
**Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, My prayer let come before Thee.**
**If Thou rememberest each misdeed, If each should have its rightful meed,**
**Who may abide Thy presence?**

**Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression;**
**The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.**
**Before Thee none can boasting stand, But all must fear Thy strict demand**
**And live alone by mercy.**

**Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit;**
**It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit**
**That He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust.**
**His help I wait with patience.**

**And though it tarry till the night And till the morning waken,**
**My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken.**
**Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;**
**Wait for your God's appearing.**

**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. Amen.**

**The Sermon**

**Offertory Hymn TLH 644** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Magnificat**

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

**C: for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**
**For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.**

P: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**C: He has shown strength with His arm;**
**He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

**C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

**Prayers**

**Kyrie** P: Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Christ, have mercy upon us.** P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Salutation** P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**

**Collects**

**Benedicamus** P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn TLH 145** "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

**Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,**
**Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,**
**Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!**
**Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,**
**Tho' we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?**
**Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;**
**Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!**
**May our eyes be ever turning To thy cross of agony**
**Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,**
**Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.**

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