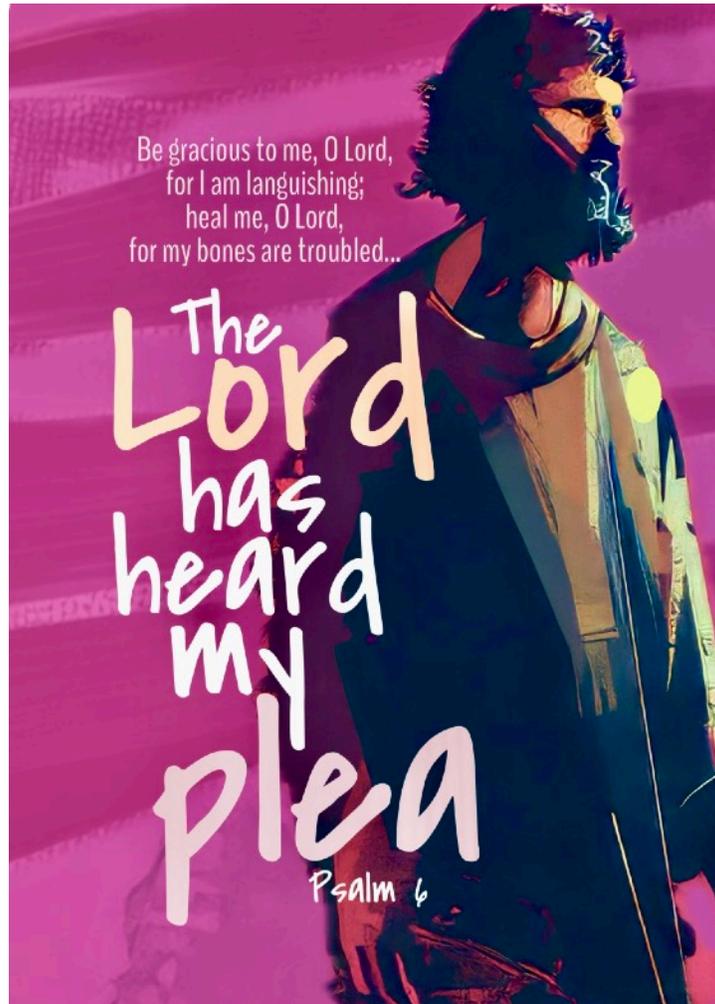


Lent Midweek 1



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Ring of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn - TLH 349 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart with Thee And reign without a rival there.
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

Oh, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but Thy pure love alone!
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.

O Love, how cheering is Thy ray! All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, Nothing desire or seek, but Thee!

This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.

Oh, draw me, Savior, e'er to Thee; So shall I run and never tire.
With gracious words still comfort me; Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from every guilt and fear; No sin can harm if Thou art near.

Still let Thy love point out my way; What wondrous things Thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me lest I go astray; Direct my work, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear Thy voice and know that love is near!

In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my Rod and Staff and Guide And draw me safely to Thy side! 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.**

Introit - Psalm 6

P: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

C: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

P: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

C: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

P: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

C: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

P: My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

C: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

P: The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

C: All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

Reading – Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

Sermon Hymn TLH 351 “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

**Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter ev'ry trembling heart!**

**Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, Nevermore, Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise. 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

The Benedicamus and Benediction

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

Closing Hymn TLH 562 "Round Me Falls the Night"

**Round me falls the night; Savior, be my Light.
Thro' the hours in darkness shrouded Let me see Thy face unclouded;
Let the glory shine In this heart of mine.**

**Earthly work is done, Earthly sounds are none.
Rest in sleep and silence seeking, Let me hear Thee softly speaking;
In my spirit's ear Whisper, "I am near."**

**Blessed, heav'nly Light, Shining thro' earth's night;
Voice that oft of love hast told me; Arms so strong to clasp and hold me —
Thou Thy watch wilt keep, Savior, o'er my sleep. Amen.**

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