

Welcome to Gethsemane!

Sunday, January 16, 2022

TODAY'S FOCUS

We begin a new focus with the series, "Just As I Am." Since Eden's rebellion mankind has tried to live without God. Even lifelong believers sometimes slip into the thought that "God wants us to take care of ourselves; I should only bother God with 'the big stuff'." But Jesus reminds us that coming close to God is how we receive the grace He came to give. Join us for part one: "Come Humbly."

LSB 790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear
 Now to His temple draw near,
 Joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously
 reigning
 And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
 Have you not seen
 All that is needful has been
 Sent by His gracious ordaining?

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend
 you;
 Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do
 As with His love He befriends you.

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LSB 790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

st. 5

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him!

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Loving God, You not only sent Your Son to seek and save the lost,

C **but You promise we will find You and Your strength when we seek You with all our heart.**

P Stir our hearts to trust You completely and seek You humbly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. We come to You today, Lord!

EPISTLE

James 4:6–8 NIV

⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”^[a]

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–14 NIV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that

I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—
or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give
a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not
even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home
justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will
be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be
exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LSB 570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

sts. 1–5

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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MESSAGE "COME HUMBL Y"

Just As I Am, part 1

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

SANCTUS

LSB 161

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

☩ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.**

LSB 848 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE sts. 1–2, 4

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HWC 371 HAVE THINE OWN WAY

sts. 1, 3–4

1 Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Thou art the Potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting yielded and still.

3 Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Wounded and weary help me I pray
Power all power surely is Thine
Touch me and heal me Savior divine

4 Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only always living in me!

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