

Lenten Midweek

March 13, 2024

Hymn #435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

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Psalm 102:1-17 ESV

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD;

C: let my cry come to You!

P: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!

C: Incline Your ear to me;

answer me speedily in the day when I call!

P: For my days pass away like smoke,

C: and my bones burn like a furnace.

P: My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;

C: I forget to eat my bread.

P: Because of my loud groaning

C: my bones cling to my flesh.

P: I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,

C: like an owl of the waste places;

P: I lie awake;

C: I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

P: All the day my enemies taunt me;

C: those who deride me use my name for a curse.

P: For I eat ashes like bread

C: and mingle tears with my drink,

P: because of Your indignation and anger;

C: for You have taken me up and thrown me down.

P: My days are like an evening shadow;

C: I wither away like grass.

P: But YOU, O LORD, are enthroned forever;

C: You are remembered throughout all generations.

P: You will arise and have pity on Zion;

C: it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

P: For Your servants hold her stones dear

C: and have pity on her dust.

P: Nations will fear the name of the LORD,

C: and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory.

P: For the LORD builds up Zion;

C: He appears in His glory;

P: He regards the prayer of the destitute

C: and does not despise their prayer.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Matthew 10:28 & Romans 8:15-17 ESV

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by Whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Sermon

Offering

The Litany

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: God the Father in heaven,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit,

C: have mercy.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us, O Lord.

P: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned,
and all who stand in our need of prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all;

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
and to graciously hear our prayers;

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore You to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen.

P: O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

Blessing

Jude 24-25

P: To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy —

C: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,

P: through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

C: Amen.

Hymn #878 "Abide with Me"

the final verse will be sung a capella

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;

What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

And when at last You come again to save,

Raise us to life and bring us from the grave!

And then with all Your people, strong and free

I shall rejoice, for You abide with me.

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