



Repent and Rejoice...  
As You See Both  
Suffering and Salvation



# The Second Sunday in Lent

February 27 and 28, 2021

**Today's focus:** Lent has to last a while and come around every year if for no other reason than this, that it is so hard for us to get the points made so strikingly in Lent. This Sunday we see God's seriousness in Lent in this: salvation and suffering go hand in hand, for Jesus and for us too!

## The Season of Lent

Lent is a time of humble repentance. We are called to acknowledge our sins, and turn from our sins to the forgiveness of our Savior. As we do so, we will discover that Lent is also a time of rejoicing! For in the life and death of Jesus, our relationship with God and life eternal is restored. Join us to both repent and rejoice in our Redeemer this Lenten season.

### ***Repent and Rejoice...***

...as you struggle against sin

***...as you see both suffering and salvation***

...as you hold onto all of His Word

...as you see your needs provided for

...as you see glory in suffering

...as he rides on before you

...as he brings forgiveness to you

...as he finishes all for you

He is risen indeed!

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, February 20/21

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, February 27/28***

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 6/7

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 13/14

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 20/21

Palm Sunday, March 27/28

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

Easter, April 4

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# We Come into the Presence of God

**Musical Introduction** *(This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.)*

**Grades 5-8: "For the Cause"**

*For the cause of Christ the King  
We give our lives, an offering  
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise  
To the Son.*

*For the cause of Christ we go  
With joy to reap, with faith to sow  
As many see and many put their trust  
In the Son.*

**Refrain:**

*Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name;  
For all creation, Every nation, God's salvation  
Through the Son!*

*For the King once lifted high  
To cries of rage, of "Crucify!"  
Endured the cross as every sin was laid,  
On the Son.*

*To the King who conquered death,  
To free the poor and the oppressed,  
For lasting peace, for life and liberty  
In the Son.*

**Refrain**

*Let it be my life's refrain; To live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, Take up my cross and follow the Son.*

**Refrain**

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## Confession and Absolution

Minister: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

**Congregation: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.**

M: Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

*Silence for private confession.*

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

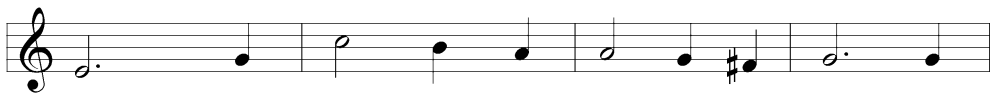
M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Opening Hymn: #760, verses 1-2 "When Peace Like a River"



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my  
2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -  
thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
nailed to the cross, and I bear it no



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!



*Refrain* It is well with my  
It is well with my soul.



soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

# We Listen

**First Reading:** Genesis 28:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup>When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup>He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup>I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup>When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup>He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."



**Psalms 73** (Pastor will sing the verses; the congregation is invited to sing the Refrains and the Glory be to the Father.)

*Refrain*



*Psalms tone*



I am always with you, O LORD;\*  
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,\*  
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.





## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day:** #466, verses 1-3 "Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose"

1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road  
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, all.  
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.

That leads the soul a - way from God,  
From him my life, my all, re - ceive,  
To him I look; on him I call.

This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:  
To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,  
He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply

To live and die en - tire - ly thine.  
Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.  
In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745–88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698–1768, alt.

## Sermon

## We Respond

**Offering** (*In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plate when exiting the sanctuary.*)

*If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

**M: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.**

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #760, verse 3 “When Peace Like a River”**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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Serve our Savior



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