

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn 425 "O God of Mercy, God of Light" vv. 1-3

O God of mercy, God of light,
In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight,
To live our lives in you.

You sent your Son to die for all,
That our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!
We rest our hope in you.

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought
May work a work for you.



March 10, 2021
Mid-week Lenten service

THE PARABLES OF LENT RECEIVE MERCY

THE PARABLE *of the* GOOD SAMARITAN

Week Three Order of Service

Opening Hymn 487 "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" v. 1, 4

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Opening Dialogue

L In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

C Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

L In this holy season the Son of God demonstrates that he is the most perfect neighbor to us by serving us with his very life.

C Live through me, O God, that I would be a neighbor when I encounter anyone in need.

L In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Confession and Absolution

P Too often we fail to be a neighbor to those who most need us. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Far too often when we see those in need we pass by on the other side. Our thoughts focus only on ourselves, and we fail to love and serve as you have called us. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.

P The Lord Jesus came into this world to be a holy neighbor for all of humankind. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he was beaten and left for dead on the cross, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Response 102 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

On my heart imprint your image
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life’s troubles nor its pleasures
Ever may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
All my glory and salvation!

Old Testament Reading ... Leviticus 19:13-18

Epistle Reading ... Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading ... Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

Sermon Hymn 309 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be And taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity Point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see And share your joy at last.

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

L Perfect Neighbor to those in need,

C show us your mercy.