

**Closing Hymn 406** "Take My Life, that I May Be"

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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Mid-week Lenten service

THE PARABLES OF LENT  
RECEIVE THE TREASURE

THE PARABLE *of the* HIDDEN TREASURE  
*and the* PRICELESS PEARL

Week Two Order of Service

**Opening Hymn 487** "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" vv. 2-3

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 suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy:  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

**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 abandons all the glory  
of heaven to pay the price for us, his most precious  
treasure.*
- C Grant me the grace, O God, to treasure all others as you  
have treasured me.**

- 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.**
- L *In this holy season let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold to teach us about the value of the kingdom of God.*

### Confession and Absolution

- P *Too often we treasure the things of this world more than the kingdom of God. 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 value possessions more than we value your grace. We value the things of this world more than we value treasures that are stored in heaven. We value money and wealth more than we value your Word. We show by what we do and by what we leave undone that we are undeserving of heavenly treasure. 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 gave up the glory of heaven and came into this world to purchase you with his holy and righteous blood. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he treasures you more than all the riches of heaven, 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!

### Prayer of the Day

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy; Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

### Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 55:1-9

### Epistle Reading ... Philippians 3:2-11

### Gospel Reading ... Matthew 13:44-46

### 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 *Giver of all good gifts,*  
C **thank you for making us your treasure.**

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction