

Lenten Midweek

March 6, 2024

Hymn #431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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Psalm Psalm 38

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

P: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

C: and Your hand has come down on me.

P: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

C: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

P: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

C: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

P: My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,

C: I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;

all the day I go about mourning.

P: For my sides are filled with burning,

C: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

P: I am feeble and crushed;

C: I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

P: O Lord, all my longing is before You;

C: **my sighing is not hidden from You.**

P: My heart throbs; my strength fails me,

C: **and the light of my eyes — it also has gone from me.**

P: My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,

C: **and my nearest kin stand far off.**

P: Those who seek my life lay their snares;

C: **those who seek my hurt speak of ruin
and meditate treachery all day long.**

P: But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,

C: **like a mute man who does not open his mouth.**

P: I have become like a man who does not hear,

C: **and in whose mouth are no rebukes.**

P: But for You, O LORD, do I wait;

C: **it is You, O Lord my God, who will answer.**

P: For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!"

C: **For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever before me.**

P: I confess my iniquity;

C: **I am sorry for my sin.**

P: But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty,

C: **and many are those who hate me wrongfully.**

P: Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good.

C: **Do not forsake me, O LORD!
O my God, be not far from me!**

P: Make haste to help me,

C: **O Lord, my salvation!**

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 11:52-54 ESV

Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

⁵³As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, ⁵⁴lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

Sermon *"The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him . . . the Spirit of knowledge"*

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 kingdo
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" *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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