

2. When our worth we poorly measure, Guard us from the devil's lies;
Worth is in our Savior's eyes. Not with gold or earthly treasure,
But with blood, His sacrifice Paid for us the greatest price.
3. Sing we exiles in our yearning To be healed from ev'ry wrong;
Sing the distant triumph song. Father, guide us in returning
With repentance to Your will, Lead us ever homeward still.

Luther's Evening Prayer

- C** In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
C Amen!

Closing Hymn: TLH #388 "Just As I Am"

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To
Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come,
I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a
doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come,
I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the
mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



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Midweek Lent 2

Opening Prayer

Hymn: TLH #367:1-3 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor! Life is given through Thy name.
2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of heaven, Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, There forever to abide!
All the heavenly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading, There Thou dost our place
prepare, Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

Invocation

- P** We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Behold the Father's love, *(John 3:17)*
C For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
- P** Behold the Son's grace, *(Matthew 20:28)*
C The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.
- P** Behold the Spirit's patient teaching, *(1 Corinthians 2:12)*
C Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

- P** Please come to us Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
C Show us Your love, show us Your grace, and bind us together through Your Gospel of peace.
- P** Father in heaven, we come before You out of need. You provide all that we need for body and life. You shower us with blessings too numerous to count. But our response to your generous care falls short in every way.
- C** We are sinful from birth, and we have also sinned against You daily through things we have said, thought, and done. We can do nothing to erase the record of our sins, and so we come before You seeking help for our greatest need. Forgive us Father, and take away our guilt.

Hymn: TLH #323 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

1. With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pardoning grace is rich and free, -- O God, be merciful to me!
 4. Nor alms nor deeds that I have done, Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee, -- O God, be merciful to me!
- P** God's Word says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It also tells us that God has in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, not charging our sin to us. Therefore, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor.5:19; John 20:21-23)*
5. And now, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell, My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me!
 6. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

✠ Reading from the Passion History of Our Lord ✠

Hymn: WS #724 "Jesus, Remember Me"

1. Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom. (Repeat)

Confession of Faith **Explanation to the 2nd Article**

- C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Sermon

Isaiah 43:1-7 Fear But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

✠ He Only Has Eyes for You ✠

Sermon Hymn: Tune of TLH #384 "Sing We Exiles"

1. Sing we exiles in our sadness, Though we wander dispossessed; Sing for hope of future rest. Jesus is our Way, our gladness, Straight'ning crooked paths we roam, Leading to our Father's home.

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