

# + Lent 2 +

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## Return to Prayer

### 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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### ✠ Confession & Absolution ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

+ PSALMODY +

### PSALM 121

P:<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*

From where does my | help come?

C:<sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.**

P:<sup>3</sup> He will not let your | foot be moved;\*

He who keeps you will not | slumber.

C:<sup>4</sup> **Behold, He who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.**

P:<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your | keeper;\*

the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

C:<sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike | you by day,\*  
nor the | moon by night.**

P:<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\*

He will | keep your life.

C:<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Genesis 32:22–30*

**P** A reading from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

<sup>22</sup> The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as He wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then He said, “Let Me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me.” <sup>27</sup> And He said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup> Then He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked Him, “Please tell me Your name.” But He said, “Why is it that you ask My name?” And there He blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

All:

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | **Jesus,\***  
**the founder and perfecter | of our faith,**  
**who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing**  
**the shame,\***  
**and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

## SECOND READING *Romans 8:22–28*

P A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## 956 Create in Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## Holy Gospel *Matthew 26:36-46*

P: A reading from St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch<sup>[a]</sup> with me.” <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” <sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on.<sup>[b]</sup> See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

**773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray** *sts. 1-2*

1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed

in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,

All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;

That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

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**Sermon “Return to Prayer”**

## 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

sts. 3-4

3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend  
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.  
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Litany *LSB 288*

- L O Lord,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L O Christ,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L O Lord,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L O Christ,  
 C **hear us.**  
 L God the Father in heaven,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L God the Holy Spirit,  
 C **have mercy.**  
 L Be gracious to us.  
 C **Spare us, good Lord.**  
 L Be gracious to us.  
 C **Help us, good Lord.**  
 L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition  
 and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C Good Lord, deliver us.**

L 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.**

L 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.**

L We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, O Lord.**

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our [president/queen/king] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**



- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C **we implore You to hear us.**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **have mercy.**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **have mercy.**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C **grant us Your peace.**
- L O Christ,
- C **hear us.**
- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Christ,
- C **have mercy.**
- L O Lord,
- C **have mercy. Amen.**

### 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.**

### Benedicamus *LSB 202*

- A Bless we the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction *LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev-'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
- 2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;
- 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;

He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood-bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

- 5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

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