

+ Lent 4 +

March 17, 2021



Return from Denial

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a- gainst my God.

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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 *Psalm 118:19–29*

- P: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.
- C: ²⁰ **This is the gate | of the LORD;***
the righteous shall enter | through it.
- P: ²¹ I thank You that You have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.
- C: ²² **The stone that the builders re- | jected***
has become the | cornerstone.
- P: ²³ This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- C: ²⁴ **This is the day that the | LORD has made;***
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- P: ²⁵ Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
- C: ²⁶ **Blessèd is He who comes in the name | of the LORD!***
We bless You from the house | of the LORD.
- P: ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the | altar!

C: ²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give | thanks to You;***
You are my God; I will ex- | tol You.

P: ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good;*
for His steadfast love endures for- | ever!

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 also with you.**
P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C **And let my cry come to You.**
P: Let us pray.

P Lord God, Your Gospel Word supports us through both good times and bad. Forgive us for the times when our words deny You. Restore us, so that the words we speak bless both You and the people entrusted to our care; 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 *Isaiah 59:1-3, 12-13*

- P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-ninth chapter.
¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or His ear dull, that it cannot hear;
² but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden His face from you
so that He does not hear.

³ For your hands are defiled with blood
and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies;
your tongue mutters wickedness.
¹² For our transgressions are multiplied before You,
and our sins testify against us;
for our transgressions are with us,
and we know our iniquities:
¹³ transgressing, and denying the LORD,
and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

- 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 *1 Peter 5:6–10*

- P A reading from First Peter, the fifth chapter.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

- 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 *Luke 22:54-62*

P A reading from St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

⁵⁴ Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with Him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

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 T everlasting. Amen.**

731 O God, Forsake Me Not *sts. 1-2*

1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;
 2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir-it from me;
 Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho-ly Spir-it send me
 Do not per-mit the might Of sin to o-ver-come me.
 That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,
 In-crease my fee-ble faith, Which You a-lone have wrought.
 My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!
 O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!

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Sermon “Return from False Denial” (Luke 22:54-62)

731 O God, Forsake Me Not *sts. 3-4*

3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup- pli - ca - tion!
 4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.

In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;
 O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.

And when the prince of hell My con - science seeks to blot,
 Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;

Be then not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!
 Help me in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

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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.**

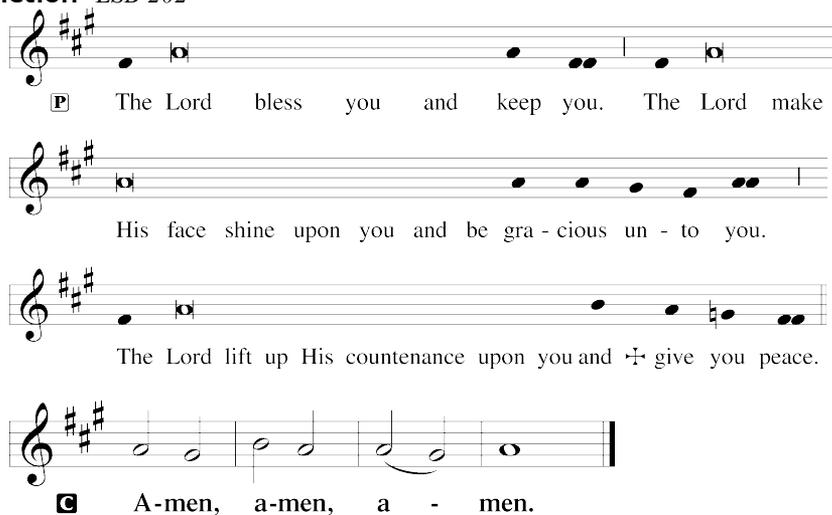
Lord's Prayer

- 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*

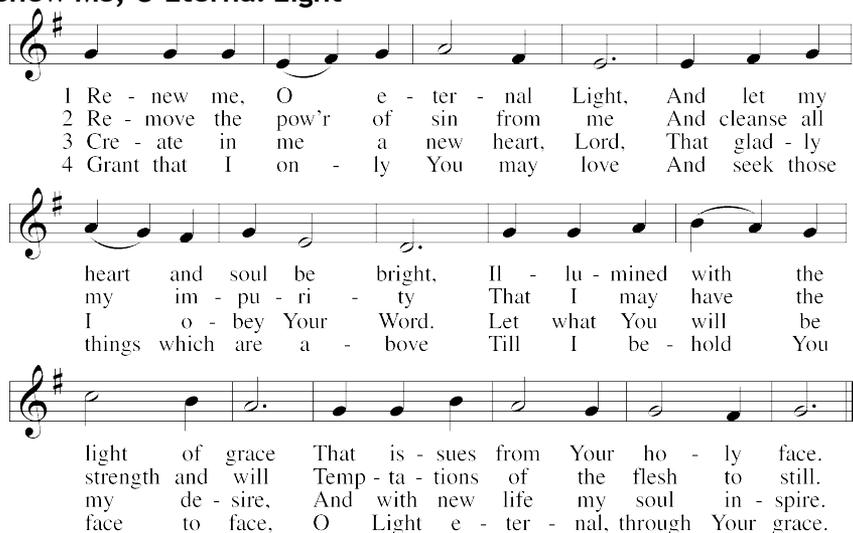
- A Bless we the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

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.
G A-men, a-men, a - men.

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those
heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You
light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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