



Lent Wednesday Worship
March 3, 2021



Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Lenten Dialog

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine upon us.

May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We call upon you, O Lord; come quickly and give ear to our voices as we call to you. Let our prayers be counted as incense before you and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch before our mouths, O Lord, and guard the door of our lips. Let not our hearts incline to any evil thing; let us not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But let our eyes be turned to you, O Lord God. For in you we take our refuge. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Exodus 20:12-17

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: Word of God; word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 10:25-29

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

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Lenten Homily: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Notes:

Hymn of the Day: Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I wake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you. Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Benediction & Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father,+ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relive us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have love us, loved us still.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and mother.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not hurt our neighbor in any way, but help him in all his physical needs.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and husband and wife love and respect each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of making a living.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend her, speak well of her, and explain her actions in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not desire to get our neighbor's possessions by scheming, or by pretending to have a right to them, but always help him keep what is his.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything else that is your neighbor's.

What does this mean for us?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not tempt or coax away from our neighbor his wife or his workers, but encourage them to remain loyal.