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Turn away
from sin

March 7, 2018
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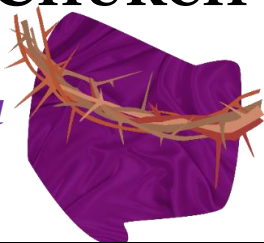


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WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES

Return to the Lord

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4

“Return to the Lord Who Will Raise You Up!”

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Our God is reliable. In the Garden of Eden, God promised the Savior from sin, and He fulfilled that promise on the cross. He is eternal, unchanging, and faithful. Even while we are not reliable, we can rely on Him in every situation, and we can rely on Him to stay steadfast through cross and grave. In Lent, we see the full measure of our Lord’s reliability for us.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN “This Day Return to Me”

1 “This day re-turn to Me. Come now!” com-mands the Lord.
2 “This day re-turn to Me. Come now with songs of praise.
3 “This day re-turn to Me. Come now and be re-stored.
4 “This day re-turn to Me. Come now and heal-ing find.

“Let your re-pen-tance be Di-rect-ed by My Word.
Your full re-demp-tion see. Hymns of thanks-giv-ing raise!
Strength-ened and heart-ened be As peo-ple of the Lord.
Rais-ing you lov-ing-ly, I bring you peace of mind.

This day re-turn to Me For bless-ings great and free.
This day re-turn to Me In true hu-mil-i-ty.
This day re-turn to Me With hope-filled cer-tain-ty.
This day re-turn to Me With trust-ing loy-al-ty.



Please stand... Silence for Reflection

INVOCATION AND KYRIE

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

P O Christ, **C** have mercy.

P O Lord, **C** have mercy.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 113:1,5–8

P Who is like the Lord our God,

C who is seated on high,

P who looks far down

C on the heavens and the earth?

P He raises the poor from the dust

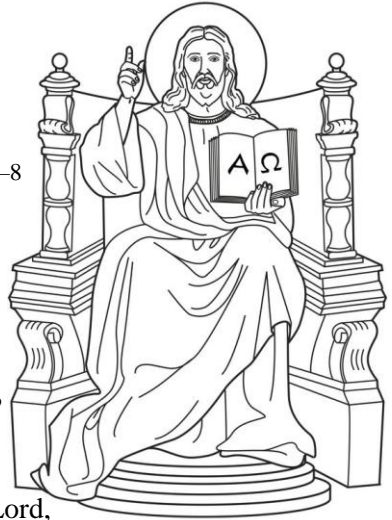
C and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

P He raises them to sit with princes,

C with the princes of His people.

P Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,

C Praise the Name of the Lord!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6–12; Mark 16:16

P Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C I am by nature sinful and unclean.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C I confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever
offended You.

P According to Your steadfast love remember me,

C I have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

P For the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

C I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.

P Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

C I flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring
Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

C Have mercy on me and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins.

P All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

C For Your Name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

- P** Who is the man who fears the Lord?
Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
- C** **Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.**



Please be seated...

PASSION INTRODUCTION

- P** The third section of the Passion Narrative takes us to the palace of the High Priest. The Gospels record how in the middle of the night Jesus was taken before the gathering of the chief priests and the whole religious Council of Jerusalem. This dramatic section is like a first-person news report, recording the actual conversation that goes on as part of the interrogation of Jesus. A large part of this narrative is the denial of Jesus by Peter. At a crucial moment, this spokesman for the disciples denies even knowing the Savior. In this Lenten season, we may be presented with special opportunities to witness to our Lord; may we be ready and willing at all times to call Jesus our Lord!

We prepare for the hearing of the narrative this week by singing “*Christ, the Life of All the Living*.” The hymn text was written by Ernst Christoph Homburg, a German lawyer, in 1659. It was translated into English by Catherine Winkworth, a gifted British educator. Miss Winkworth lived from 1827 to 1878, when she died in Geneva. She brought a great interest in German hymns to the English-speaking world, and her work has received great appreciation over many years.

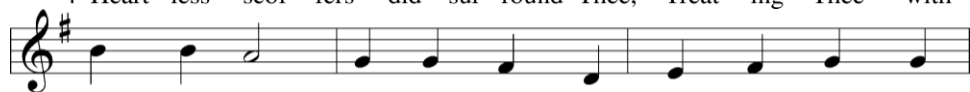
PASSION HYMN

“*Christ, the Life of All the Living*”

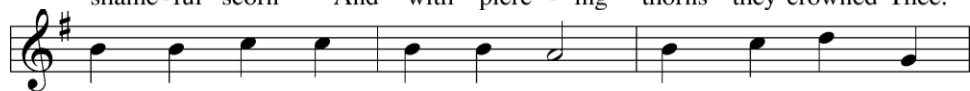
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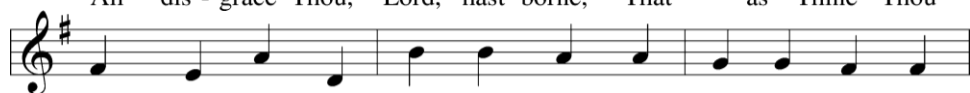
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



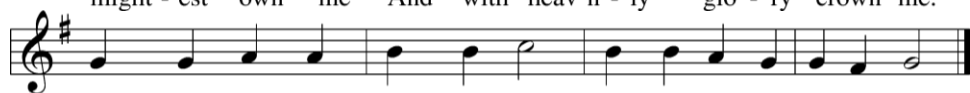
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un-to Thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
That from pain I might be free; And hast borne it patiently,
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Even death by crucifixion,
Thence I gain security; Fully to atone for me;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Thou didst choose to be tormented
Me to comfort in my anguish. That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.



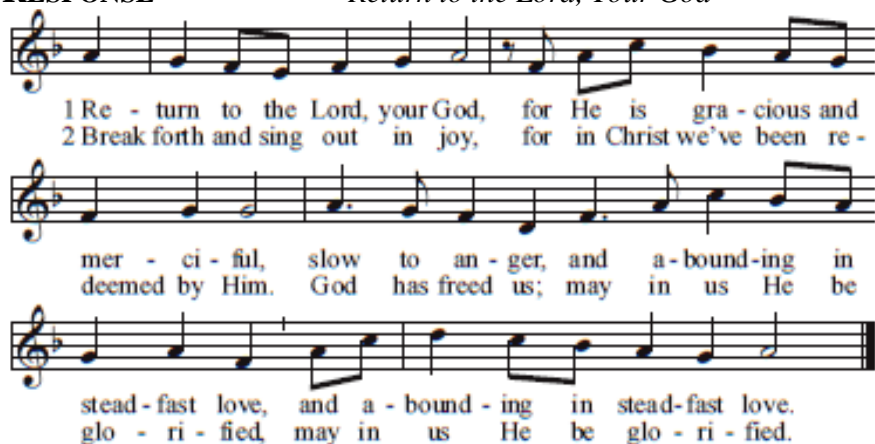
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PASSION READING

Part 3

RESPONSE

“Return to the Lord, Your God”



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OLD TESTAMENT

Hosea 6:1–6

L The Old Testament Reading for our Midweek Lenten Service is from Hosea, chapter six.

*“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for He has torn us, that He may heal us;
He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.
After two days He will revive us;
on the third day He will raise us up,
that we may live before Him.*

*Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
His going out is sure as the dawn;
He will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”*

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of My mouth,
and My judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 4:13–18

L The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapter four.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “*I believed, and so I spoke,*” we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand...

HOLY GOSPEL

st John 6:35–40

P The Holy Gospel according to st John, the sixth chapter.

Jesus said to them, “*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.*”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY

“*In the Shattered Bliss of Eden*”

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1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who

day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond are
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins

shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:

Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'rings Crest - ed
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of
 "Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en

God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of

gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
 Known by saints around the throne,
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,
 Lives to love and feed His own.
 From His riven side forever
 Flows the purest stream of love,
 Love that robes us with the raiment
 Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
 Gone the age of sacrifice;
 Ours the time of grace and favor,
 Ours the call to paradise!
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

SERMON

“Return to the Lord Who Will Raise You Up!”

OFFERINGS GATHERED, MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?”

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

Gracious and merciful God, we turn to You, praying for the nations of the world and Your good creation. We fear the wars and civil strife, the rising seas and severe droughts that may occur.

C **Strengthen our faith and give us hope. Instill a desire for peace and justice in the leaders of the nations, and awaken in us all a sense of devotion to the care of Your good creation.**

P Redeeming Lord, we turn to You, praying for all who are denied human dignity for any reason and all who are enslaved to their personal addictions.

C **Open their hearts and minds to the truth of the freedom from sin You won for us. Release them from individual prisons of every kind. May they break forth in joy for their newfound freedom.**

P Hope of the hopeless, we turn to You, praying that You be with all who are frustrated by inadequate housing, unemployment, and isolation.

- C** Surround them with supportive people of faith and guide them to the resources they need. Restore in them the certainty of Your presence so that they may stand to face whatever the future holds.
- P** Heavenly Father, we turn to You, praying for those near and dear to us, ... and all who call out to You who are beset with various crises of faith and health.
- C** Remind them of our Savior, who overcame death and the grave and rose on the third day. Use the skills You have placed within medical professionals and counselors of all sorts to show Your love, unknown to them in their present hour.
- P** O Thou who changest not, we turn to You, praying for those who have strayed from the family of faith.
- C** Open their ears to hear You calling them home. Surround them with people to speak Your Word and demonstrate Your care. May they ponder anew what the Almighty can do.
- P** O Holy Spirit, we turn to You who tires not in inviting us to return, praying for all who are burdened with guilt or shame.
- C** Remind them that it is the Savior who calls; let every ear hear and respond, confessing their sins in the sure hope of gracious forgiveness.
- P** Lord Jesus, You returned to Jerusalem, passionate in Your mission to show mercy and love.
- C** Give us confident faith at every reception of Your body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Gather us as a hen gathers her chicks that the whole Church may rejoice together under Your eternal protection.
- P** O Word of God Incarnate, You were sent by the Father to do His will.
- C** We give thanks that by Your obedient death and resurrection You returned to Him, having accomplished Your mission and offering pardon to all who bring their requests to Him in Your Name.
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose Name we pray; together:

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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord, who calls you to return, bless you and keep you.
The Lord, who offers grace and mercy,
make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord, who has worked faith in your heart to respond to His love,
look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.



CLOSING HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the


o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

POSTLUDE

*Lift Jesus higher; Lift Jesus higher;
Lift Him up for the world to see!
He said, If I be lifted up from the earth
I will draw all men unto me!*





*Return
to the
Lord,
your God*