

Midweek Lenten Service

March 17, 2021

PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING
BELLS
OPENING RESPONSES
RESPONSIVE PSALM 118: 19-29
PRAYER OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 59:1-3 (ESV)

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; 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. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

#917

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 5:6-10 (ESV)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:54-62 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-second chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 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." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 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." And he went out and wept bitterly.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#427

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#783 (vs 1,4-5 only)

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

EVENING PRAYER

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BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

#451

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“RETURN FROM DENIAL” Luke 22:54-62 ESV

INTRODUCTION AND GOAL

Have you ever felt very joyous, and then suddenly things turned bad?

May we find comfort in knowing that it is God’s desire that we return from denial to Him and find peace and joy in His forgiveness.

THINGS FOR PETER QUICKLY WENT FROM WONDERFUL TO _____!

The evening had started off so _____!

It had started to slip away when Jesus made that comment about one of them _____ Him.

It got awkward for Peter when Jesus told him that _____ had called for him.

It did get even _____.

_____ followed the soldiers and their prisoner.

Accusations started to be made against _____.

Peter felt that he had better strongly _____ his relationship with Jesus.

Peter heard a _____ in the distance.

_____ turned and made eye contact with Peter.

HOW OFTEN DO _____ DO SOMETHING SIMILAR?

We may fail to acknowledge our _____ in public.

We may have even joined the crowd in _____ another believer.

The _____ can be overwhelming.

WE MAY WONDER, “CAN A WRETCH LIKE ME EVEN BE _____?”

The answer is simple: _____.

_____ has already dealt with the denial.

_____ THIS GOOD NEWS.

YOU ARE A _____ CHILD OF GOD.