

**+ LENTEN REFLECTION 2 +**  
**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**+ PSALM 32 - BLESSED AT THE PENITENT +**

**WELCOME:**

**INVOCATION:**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**INTROIT:**

*Psalm 51:1-13*

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**

## **OFFICE HYMN:**

**1 The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.**

**2 Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.**

**3 To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.**

**4 But those who scornfully disdain  
God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds  
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

**5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.**

**6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

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## **SALUTATION:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **COLLECT:**

**Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **READING:**

*Psalm 32*

- <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.
- <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.
- <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **MEDITATION**

*The Space is left intentionally blank for you to make notes during or after the Meditation.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

☐ 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, dead, and 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.

## SERMON HYMN

*Tune: LHS 24*

- 1 All my heart again rejoices  
As I hear  
Far and near  
Sweetest angel voices.  
“Christ is born!” their choirs are singing  
Till the air  
Ev’rywhere  
Now with joy is ringing.
- 2 Hear! The Conqueror has spoken:  
“Now the foe,  
Sin and woe,  
Death and hell are broken!”  
God is man, man to deliver,  
And the Son  
Now is one  
With our blood forever.

- 3** Should we fear our God's displeasure,  
Who, to save,  
Freely gave  
His most precious treasure?  
To redeem us He has given  
His own Son  
From the throne  
Of His might in heaven.
- 4** See the Lamb, our sin once taking  
To the cross,  
Suff'ring loss,  
Full atonement making.  
For our life His own He tenders,  
And His grace  
All our race  
Fit for glory renders.
- 5** Softly from His lowly manger  
Jesus calls  
One and all,  
"You are safe from danger.  
Children, from the sins that grieve you  
You are freed;  
All you need  
I will surely give you."
- 6** Come, then, banish all your sadness!  
One and all,  
Great and small,  
Come with songs of gladness.  
We shall live with Him forever  
There on high  
In that joy  
Which will vanish never.

## + PRAYER +

**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 people 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 Prime Minister and State Premier 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 in heaven,  
Holy be your name,  
                  your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
                  Give us today our daily bread.  
                  Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
                  Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever.  
Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART

*Tune: LHS 407*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.
- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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