

Lenten Midweek Worship
March 10, 2021
Resurrection Lutheran Church

Opening

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

Psalm + Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!
²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her
young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.
⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.
⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
⁸LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.
⁹Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.
¹⁰For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the
tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Reading + Mark 11:15-19

¹⁵Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷He was teaching and saying, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” ¹⁸And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Hymn: ELW # 832 “My Lord of Light”

Prayers + Lamenting Injustices in Society

With the Israelite slaves of old we cry out:
Always one group is deprived of freedoms.
The poor are forced to serve the oppressor.
O God, why are some laws so marked by unfairness?
The few have plenty to waste, although many are starving.

Sung Trisagion by the Choir

Hear us, O God:
Hear us, O God.

Form us by your justice:
Form us by your justice.

Give us your life.
Give us your life.

A time of silence is kept.

Hear these words, and receive their power:
God the Father promises a kingdom of justice and joy.
God the Son lived and died for the least of our sisters and brothers.
God the Spirit inspires us to build a city of peace.

Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

(This prayer is from RELC member, Gail Ramshaw, in *Prayer, Praise, Give Thanks: A Collection of Litanies, Laments, and Thanksgivings at Font and Table* (Augsburg Fortress, 2017), 22-27.)

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.