

Lenten Midweek Worship

March 23, 2022

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 39

¹I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, so that I do not offend with my tongue.
 I will put a muzzle on my mouth while the wicked are in my presence.”

²So I held my tongue and said nothing;

 I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.

³My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame;

 I spoke out with my tongue:

⁴“LORD, let me know my end and the number of my days,
 so that I may know how short my life is.

⁵You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your
sight;

 truly, even those who stand proudly are but a puff of wind.

⁶We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil;
 we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

⁷So now, what is my longing?

 O Lord, my hope is in you.

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions
 and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

⁹I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
 for surely it was you that did it.

¹⁰Take your affliction from me;
 I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

¹¹With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all we treasure;
 truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

¹²Hear my prayer, O LORD, and listen to my cry; do not shut your ears to my weeping.

For I am but a sojourner with you, a passing guest, as all my forebears were.
¹³Turn your gaze from me, that I may smile again,
before I go my way and am no more.”

Reading + Luke 13:18-21

¹⁸He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.” ²⁰And again he said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

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

Comments on the Reading

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

***Hymn:* “All my hope on God is founded” (ELW 757)**

- 1 All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
call my heart to be thine own.

- 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.

3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,
beauty springing out of naught.

Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our holy assemblies, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions may be added.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father,  the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.