

THE DIVINE SERVICE

March 15, 2020

The Third Sunday in Lent

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

Toccata in D Minor, BuxWV 155 – Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

John 4:5-26

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, because you know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1766-1837)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
 Make thy way plain before my face.
 For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
 That makest me dwell in safety.

❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Henry F. Lyte, 1834

John Goss, 1869



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
 2. *Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers*
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. *Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and*
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,



who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,
slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,
 res - cues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him,
God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 dwell - ers all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,



praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Minister: Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

People: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Liber Usualis

Thomas Tallis

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on
us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

- ❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- People: the Maker of heaven and earth.**
- Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
- People: and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539

All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

J. Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed;
 3. When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.

5. E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

The Service of the Word

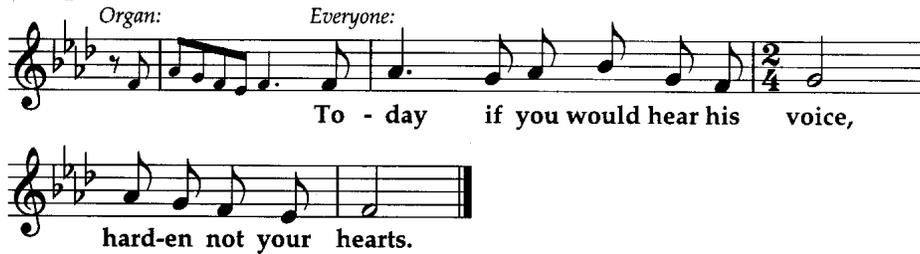


THE PSALTER

Psalm 95:6-11

Antiphon:

Organ: *Everyone:*



To - day if you would hear his voice,
hard-en not your hearts.

All: Antiphon

Choir: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee;
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
At Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
When they tempted me.
They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Antiphon

Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”
So I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

Antiphon

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts – Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
But spare us, Lord, most holy,
O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior,
Thou most worthy judge eternal,
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
For any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Georg Neumark, 1640

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1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2. *What can these anx-ious cares a - vail thee, these nev - er - ceas - ing*
 3. On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 4. *All are a - like be - fore the High - est; 'tis eas - y to our*
 5. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv-ing, so do thine own part



all thy ways, he'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
moans and sighs? What can it help, if thou be - wail thee
 heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure
God, we know, to raise thee up though low thou li - est,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his Word - though un - de - serv - ing,



and bear thee through the e - vil days: Who trusts in God's un -
o'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als
 and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; nor doubt our in - most
to make the rich man poor and low; true won - ders still by
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love builds on the Rock that naught can move.
do but press the heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 wants are known to him who chose us for his own.
him are wrought who set - teth up and brings to naught.
 sook at need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Joshua Torrey

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 11:45-57

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

The Plans of Wicked Men
John 11:45-57

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- ❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!
Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

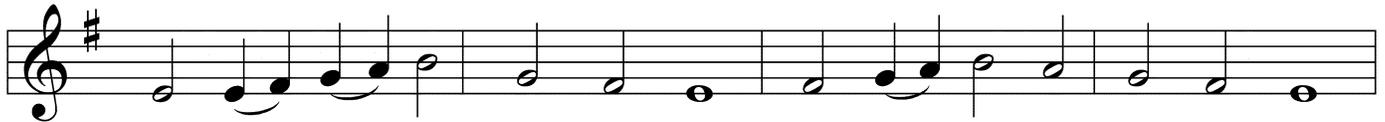
HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Charles Wesley, 1740

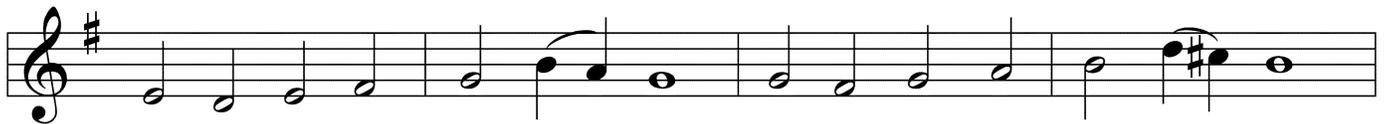
Joseph Parry, 1879



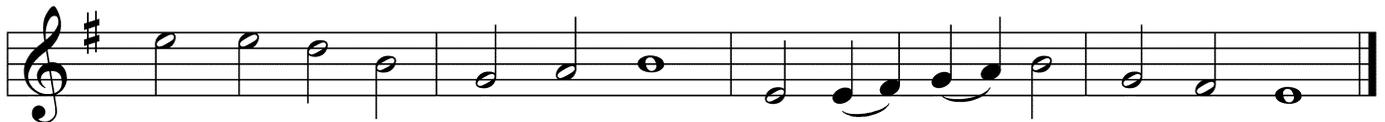
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
4. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

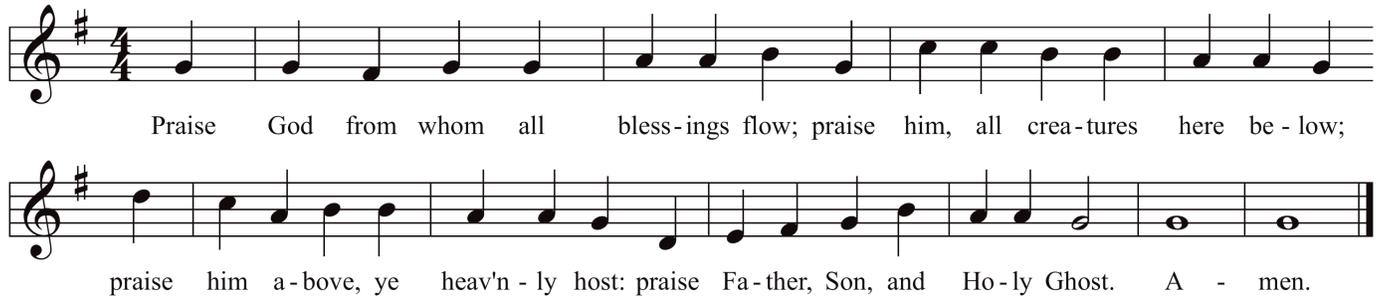


safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Tallis, c. 1567



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low;
 praise him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our Holy and Triune God, for our sake your Son became poor that through his poverty we might be rich in grace. Now, we honor you with the blessings you have given to us through Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

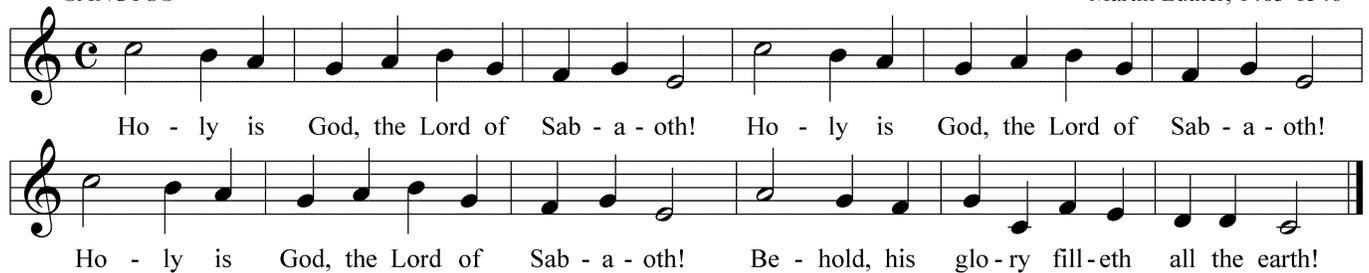
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill-eth all the earth!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Stuart Townend, 1995

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure,
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way,
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
his dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

William Damon, c. 1540-c. 1591



1. What off - 'ring shall we give or what a - tone-ment bring
2. For all the blood of beasts on priest - ly al - tars slain
3. But Christ, the heav - 'nly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way—
4. In faith I lay my hand up - on his head di - vine



to God by whom a - lone we live, high heav'n's e - ter - nal king?
could nev - er give the con-science peace or wash a - way its stain.
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
while as a pen - i - tent I stand and there con - fess my sin.

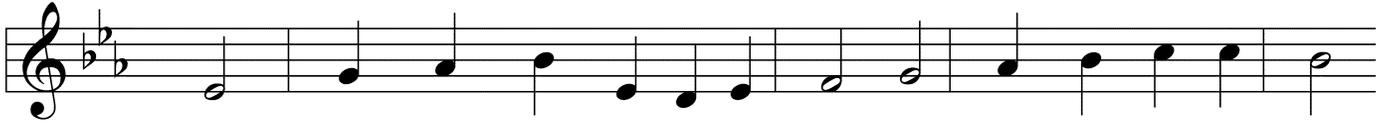
5. So I look back to see
The weight he chose to bear
When hanging on the cross for me—
Because my guilt was there.
6. Believing, we rejoice
To know our sins forgiv'n;
We bless the Lamb with heart and voice
And join the praise of heav'n.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **DEPARTING HYMN**

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898

Edinburgh Psalter, 1635



1. O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
2. You strove with Sa - tan and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
3. Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
4. Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal Word.
so teach us to de - ny our - selves since we have known God's love.
that when the fin - al Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 95:6-11

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.
Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”
So I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Sermon Lesson – John 11:45-57

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

⁵⁴Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.