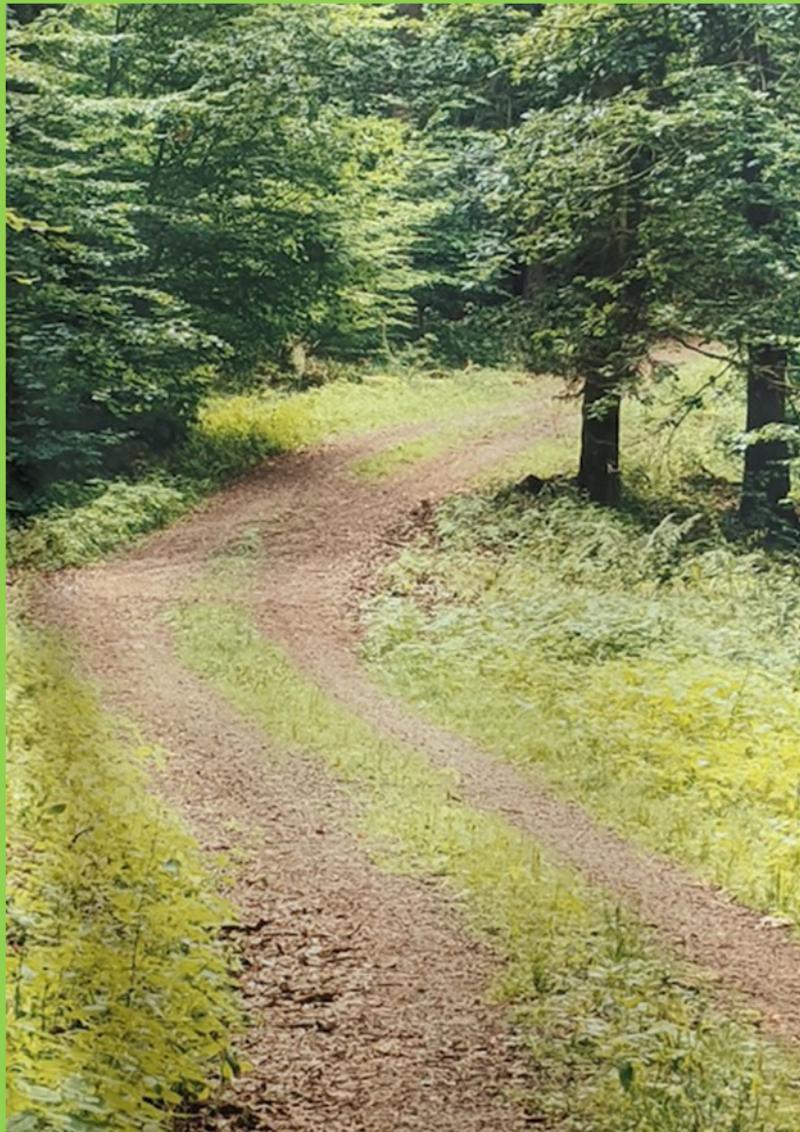


# ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

**March 22, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**



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## Prayer of the Day

O God, early in the morning I cry to you. Help me to pray; and to concentrate my thoughts on you; I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with you there is light; I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help; I am restless, but with you there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me . . . You have granted me many blessings; now let me also accept what's hard from your hand . . . You know all man's troubles; you abide with me when all men fail me; you remember and seek me; it's your will that I should know you and turn to you . . . Give me the hope that will deliver me from fear and faint-heartedness. **Amen.**

*Prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Prayers from Prison.*

## Opening Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought both by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my light tow'r,  
Raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Text:** Irish; **vers.** Eleanor H. Hull, alt.; **tr.** Mary E. Byrne; **Music:** Irish Traditional

### **Confession**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from  
my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit  
within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take  
not your holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your  
salvation and uphold me with your free spirit.

### **Absolution**

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your  
healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before  
you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ... Then  
your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the  
noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your  
needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.... Then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. **Amen.**

(Source: Isaiah 58:vv. 8; 10(b); 11; 12; 14)

**Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

LBW 448

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, *So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.* Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: *It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.*

Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, *Get up and eat.* He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, *Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.* He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, *What are you doing here, Elijah?* He answered, *I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.* He said, *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.*

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

### **New Testament Reading**

Philippians 4:1-8

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**Hymn of the Day***When Peace Like a River*

ELW 785

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain:**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
 Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain:**

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
 Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain:**

**Text:** Horatio G. Spafford; **Music:** Philip P. Bliss. Public Domain.

**Communion Song**    *Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am*    ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
 Summon out what I shall be;  
 Set your seal upon my heart  
 And live in me.

**Text:** John L. Bell; **Music:** John L. Bell

**Sending Hymn**    *How Can I Keep From Singing*    ELW 763

My life flows on in endless song;  
 Above earth's lamentation,  
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
 That hails a new creation.

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
 While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
 How can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
 I hear that music ringing.  
 It finds an echo in my soul.  
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

What though my joys and comforts die?  
 The Lord my Savior liveth.  
 What though the darkness gather round?  
 Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain:**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
 A fountain ever springing!  
 All things are mine since I am his!  
 How can I keep from singing? **Refrain:**

**Text:** Robert Lowry; **Music:** Robert Lowry, alt.

**2020 Lenten Wednesday Worship**  
**Channel 105      3:30 PM**

**March 25: Lent IV      April 1: Lent V**

**On March 25 and April 1, Lenten Devotions and Sacred Music will be broadcast on the NRC Chapel Channel 105 from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 29**  
**Channel 105      10:30 AM**

**The worship service will be broadcast on Channel 105 at 10:30 AM.**

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**More information about Palm Sunday and Holy Week worship will be distributed during the week of March 29.**

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