



# Midweek Lent Service

February 24, 2021

**P** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

**P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**P** to herald Your love in the morning,

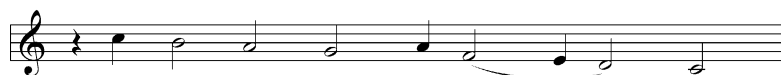
**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

### Opening Hymn #656

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



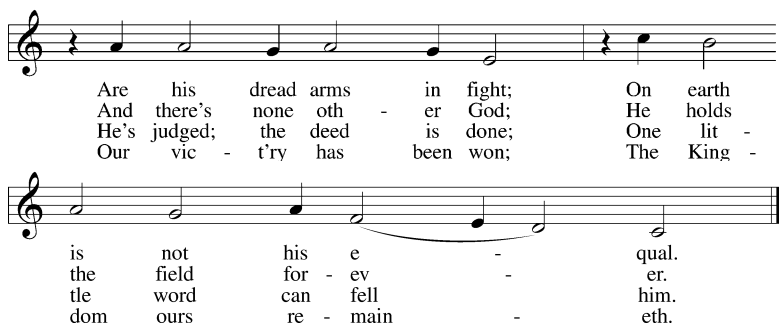
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
as he will, He can a - oth us none,  
child, and wife, Though these harm all be gone,



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- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P** Holy and gracious God,
- C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

<sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:17–19*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

# Sermon Hymn

By Faith



By faith we see the hand of God in the  
 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the  
 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the  
 By faith the church was called to go in the  
 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the  
 light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the  
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a  
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the  
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de - for we  
 lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble  
 who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2  
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. chorus  
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4 We will  
 in ev - ry cor - ner of the earth. chorus  
 for all who call up - on His name. chorus  
 stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our  
 soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done.  
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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## Sermon

## Offering

### Prayer

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** listen to my cry.
- P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;  
**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
- P** In righteousness I shall see You;  
**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.
- P** Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**C** 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you.  
**C** Amen.

## Hymn #849

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



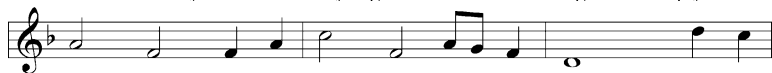
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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