

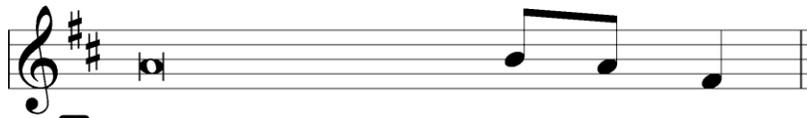
Midweek Lenten Vespers

11 March 2020

Opening Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Opening Versicles

P *O Lord, open my lips,*



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P *Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 121

P Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

C **I lift up my eyes to the hills.**

**From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

C **Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C **The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.

C **The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Handbell Anthem: *Blessed Assurance*

First Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at

hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:32–37; 14:32-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th and 14th chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God

Responsory

Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.

Refrain

- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Hymn: 880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow

Homily: *Sleepy Eyes*

Offering

Offertory: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow (verses 1&2)

- 1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,

Where the blood of ere Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,

Per - fect - God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Salutation

P O Lord, hear my prayer. **C** And let my cry come to You.

Prayer of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, You watched and prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and patiently submitted Yourself to the Father's will in order to fulfill all righteousness for us. Grant us willing spirits that we may overcome our weak flesh and rise up each day to newness of life as we watch and pray for your coming on the last day; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Prayer for Lent

P Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Prayer

P O Lord, the refuge of every generation, we fade like withered grass as You sweep us away in the sleep of death. Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us, be gracious to us for Jesus' sake, and awaken us in the joy of the resurrection to eternal life with Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 878 Abide with Me (verses 1&3)

Midweek Lent

Please join us each Wednesday in Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds for our Lord's Passion, death, and resurrection.

Soup and Sandwich Supper every Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. followed by worship at 6:00 P.M.

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Breakfast at Applebee's

Come join us for fellowship and a breakfast of pancakes and sausages at Applebee's on Saturday, March 14th from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Proceeds will go to the Hope House.

Any tips collected will go to Hope House and will be matched anonymously up to \$500. We look forward to seeing you for pancakes and fellowship.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, March 11 and are available after services or from the church office for \$5.00. Tickets must be presented to your server at breakfast.

If you are not familiar with Hope House, they are located at 1000 S. 35th Street and serve homeless families, couples without children, and single women who are willing to follow program guidelines to lead them back to self-sufficiency.

Second Time Singles

Second Time Singles has planned an outing for Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m. to see the performance of the Wisconsin Singers at the Capitol Civic Center with dinner following at Applebee's.. This event is sponsored by Treehouse Theater and 60+ of their students will present highlights from their most recent musical productions at the beginning of the show. Wisconsin Singers is a powerful showcase of Big Song, Big Dance, Big Band, and Big Entertainment made up of UW-Madison students. Sign up at the Welcome Center indicating if you plan to attend both the performance and dinner and if you need transportation. Cash or checks payable to the Capitol Civic Center in the amount of \$27.20 can be put in the envelopes provided and dropped in the wooden box. Deadline is Monday, March 23rd.

Rummage Sale

Redeemer's annual Rummage Sale will be on Thursday and Friday, April 23 & 24. We will start accepting items for the sale on Monday, March 23. Items should be placed in Room 104 across from the Sanctuary. Please avoid putting items in front of or under the tables used for "Weekend Meals" food items.

Sanctuary Decoration

After many years of faithful service Joan Walsh is stepping down as our Sanctuary decorator. We give thanks to God and Joan for always making our Sanctuary look very beautiful, especially during the Christmas and Easter Seasons. If you or a group of people would like to serve our Lord and His Church in this way or if you have any questions please contact Pastor DeArmond or the office.

Portals of Prayer

The April -June Portals of Prayer booklets are now available at the Welcome Center desk.

Lenten Coin Folders

Lenten coin folders were sent with your newsletter. Proceeds will benefit Redeemer Preschool and Meals for Kids. You can return your folder at anytime between now and Easter Sunday. Be sure to include your name and offering envelope # on the folder. Drop it in the wooden box at the Welcome Center.

Lenten Meals

We will be having soup and sandwiches before our mid-week Lenten worship services. The meal will begin at 5:00pm and Lenten Worship will begin at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheets for future weeks are located at the Welcome Center.

2020-21 Preschool Registration

Registration forms for the 2020-21 school year are now available at the church office or on our website. The forms can be returned to the office. For more info, call the office at 684-3989 or email preschool@redeemermanty.com. Classes fill up fast, so do not delay! If you know of any families that are interested in our preschool, please let them know we are taking registrations. We appreciate your support in passing this information on to interested families!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are entitled to 2019 Choice Dollars from Thrivent, remember that you need to designate an organization to receive them by March 31. Both Redeemer Lutheran Church and Redeemer Preschool, as well as many other charities, are signed up to get Choice Dollars. If you don't know if you still have dollars to designate, contact your agent or Thrivent.

EASTER

Egg hunt

Redeemer's annual Easter Egg Hunt is

Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am!

*Please invite your friends and family to join us for treats and crafts
Separate hunt areas for 3 and under and 4 and up. Rain or shine!!
If the weather is poor we will hide the eggs inside the church building.*

- ❖ Volunteers are needed for set up and help with the snacks and beverage tables.*
- ❖ Donations of cookies, bars, and juice are welcome! Sign-up sheets are by the Welcome Center.*
- ❖ Donations of candy and small trinkets that can fit inside an egg can be left in the box by the Welcome Center. Please have them at the church by Sunday, March 29.*