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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 22, 2020

OPENING HYMN

CW #385

# 385 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:3

<sup>15</sup>I will go. I will return to my place  
until they admit their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

<sup>6:1</sup>Come, let us return to the LORD.

For he has torn us to pieces,

but he will heal us.

He has struck us,

but he will bandage our wounds.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us.

On the third day he will raise us up,

so that we may live in his presence.

<sup>3</sup>Let us acknowledge the LORD.

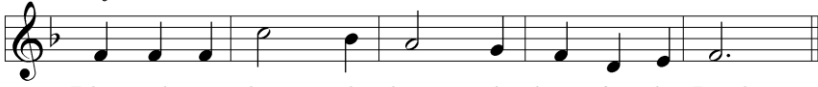
Let us pursue knowledge of the LORD.

As surely as the sun rises,

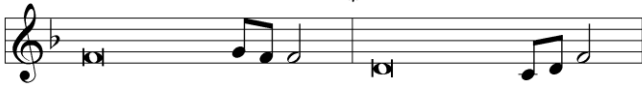
the LORD will appear.

He will come to us like a heavy rain,

like the spring rain that waters the earth.

*Refrain*

Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone****Refrain***

As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.\*

Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*

for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

***Refrain***

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;\*  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.\*

I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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.**

***Refrain***

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-10

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

<sup>5</sup>To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. <sup>6</sup>Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:17-28

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 20:17-28

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, <sup>18</sup>"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. <sup>19</sup>They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised."

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. <sup>21</sup>He said to her, "What do you want?"

She said to him, "Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand."

<sup>22</sup>But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"

They said to him, "We are."

<sup>23</sup>He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

<sup>24</sup>When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### ***After the Gospel:***

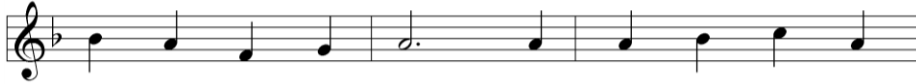
**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 398 Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults



1 Lord, we con - fess our nu - m'rous faults, How  
2 But oh, my soul, for - ev - er praise, For -  
3 'Tis not by works of right - eous - ness Which  
4 'Tis from the mer - cy of our God That  
5 'Tis through the pur - chase of his death Who



great our guilt has been, How vain and fool - ish  
ev - er love, his name Who turns your feet from  
our own hands have done, But we are saved by  
all our hopes be - gin; 'Tis by the wa - ter  
hung u - pon the tree The Spir - it is sent



all our thoughts, How deep - ly stained with sin.  
dan - g'rous ways Of fol - ly, sin, and shame.  
God's free grace A - bound - ing through his Son.  
and the blood Our souls are washed from sin.  
down to breathe On such dry bones as we.

6 Raised from the dead, we live anew;  
And, justified by grace,  
We shall appear in glory, too,  
And see our Father's face.

SERMON

ROMANS 8:1-10

“WHAT WAS .... WHAT IS”



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER**

### **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.**

**BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

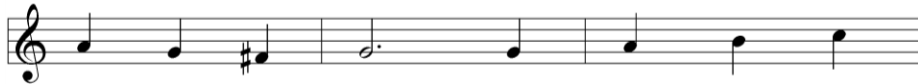
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## Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -  
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal  
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne  
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid  
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all  
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,  
 the dread - ful load; Of sins that none  
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths  
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.  
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
 like mine Would have been all too few.  
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

*Refrain*

To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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