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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

### Opening Hymn #430 (v. 1, 3, 4, 8)

#### *What Is The World to Me*

1. What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When Thou, and Thou alone,  
Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!  
Thou only, dearest Lord,  
My soul's Delight shalt be;  
Thou art my Peace, my Rest,-  
What is the world to me!

3. The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty,  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone,-  
What is the world to me!

4. The world seeks after wealth  
And all that Mammon offers,  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill it coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my Wealth,-  
What is the world to me!

8. What is the world to me!  
My Jesus is my Treasure,  
My Life, my Health, my Wealth,  
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,  
My Joy, my Crown, my All,  
My Bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
What is the world to me!

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P & C **O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace**

**we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C ♪Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **The Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

**C ♪And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C ♪Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Jeremiah 26:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have

heard with your own ears.” <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

**How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;

**the Lord hears when I call to him.**

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”**

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

**than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

### **The Second Lesson – Philippians 3:17-4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of

whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

### **Verse of the Day – Luke 13:35**

Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

### **The Gospel – Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

### **Confession of Faith** ***Apostle’s Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and**

**buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn of the Day #429**

#### ***Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart***

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share,  
Yea, heaven itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee no one could shake.  
Thou art the Portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in every place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And serve and help my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile  
And Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abram's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my Fount of grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

### **Sermon Text – Philippians 3:17-4:1**

#### **Sermon**

***Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven***

#### **Offertory**

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

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: O Lord, remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship

is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.

**<sup>1</sup> Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,  
By ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe; ...**

P: Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and declare Your salvation.

**Upon Your cross forsaken Son  
Our death is laid, and peace is won.**

P: Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance.

**<sup>2</sup> Your arms extend, O Christ, to save  
From sting of death and grasp of grave; ...**

P: Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home.

**Your scars before the Father move  
His heart to mercy at such love.**

P: Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also.



**<sup>3</sup> O lavish Giver, come to aid  
The feeble child Your grace has made. ...**

P: Remember this household of faith, O Lord, and gather us together at Your altar as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Unite us in true confession of Your Word, sincere repentance for our sins, and joyful confidence in Your Son's body and blood for our forgiveness.

**Now make us grow and help us pray;  
Bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

P: Remember the congregations of Your Church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Strengthen and defend all pastors and church workers, giving them every good gift as they attend to Your people. Cause us rightly to fear Your anger and rejoice in Your redemption.

**O Triune God,  
have mercy upon us.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of **\*please stand\*** Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
C ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #660** *I'm But a Stranger Here*

1. I'm but a stranger here,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert dread,  
Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on every hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.

2. What though the tempest rage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast  
Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last,  
Heav'n is my home.

3. There at my Savior's side  
Heav'n is my home;  
I shall be glorified,  
Heav'n is my home;  
There are the good and blest,  
Those I love most and best;

And there I, too, shall rest,  
Heav'n is my home.  
4. Therefore I murmur not,  
Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my Lord's right hand.  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
Heav'n is my home.

## **Silent Prayer**

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