



## Lent Midweek Five

# **The Book of Job**

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### **Ringling of the Tower Bell**

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your  
praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our  
salvation.

### **Psalm 142**

*Psalm 142*

<sup>1</sup>With my voice I cry out to the LORD;  
with my voice I plead for mercy to the  
LORD.  
<sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.  
<sup>3</sup>When my spirit faints within me,  
you know my way!  
In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.  
<sup>4</sup>Look to the right and see:  
there is none who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for my soul.

<sup>5</sup>I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup>Attend to my cry,  
for I am brought very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me!

<sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks to your name!  
The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.

### 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-  
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would  
sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,  
King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them-selves dis-please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## **2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **Luke 14:25-32**

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first

sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

## Responsory

LSB 230

- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- L** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 'Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 'The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,  
 4 'When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 'Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dom,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dress to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Today also my complaint is bitter;  
my hand is heavy on account of my  
groaning.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his seat!

<sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

<sup>5</sup>I would know what he would answer  
me and understand what he would say  
to me.

<sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the  
greatness of his power?  
No; he would pay attention to me.

<sup>7</sup>There an upright man could argue with  
him, and I would be acquitted forever  
by my judge.

<sup>8</sup>“Behold, I go forward, but he is not  
there, and backward, but I do not  
perceive him;

<sup>9</sup>on the left hand when he is working, I  
do not behold him; he turns to the  
right hand, but I do not see him.

<sup>10</sup>But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tried me, I shall come out  
as gold.

<sup>11</sup>My foot has held fast to his steps;  
I have kept his way and have not  
turned aside.

<sup>12</sup>I have not departed from the  
commandment of his lips; I have  
treasured the words of his mouth more  
than my portion of food.

<sup>13</sup>But he is unchangeable, and who can  
turn him back? What he desires, that  
he does.

<sup>14</sup>For he will complete what he appoints  
for me, and many such things are in  
his mind.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I am terrified at his  
presence; when I consider, I am in  
dread of him.

<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;

<sup>17</sup>yet I am not silenced because of the  
darkness, nor because thick darkness  
covers my face.

Sermon      “I Will Come Forth as Gold”  
Job 23:10

## Canticle

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as  
incense,  
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the  
evening sacrifice.

Magnificat *LSB 231*

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my  
spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
for He has regarded the lowliness of  
His handmaiden.  
For behold, from this day all  
generations will call me blessed.  
For the Mighty One has done great  
things to me, and holy is His name;  
and His mercy is on those who fear  
Him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with His arm;  
He has scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He has cast down the mighty from  
their thrones and has exalted the  
lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good  
things, and the rich He has sent  
empty away.  
He has helped His servant Israel in  
remembrance of His mercy as He  
spoke to our fathers, to Abraham  
and to his seed forever.  
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.

## Prayer

### Kyrie

*LSB 233*

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### 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.

### Collects

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

### Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
Your mercies are new every morning;  
and though we deserve only punishment,  
You receive us as Your children and  
provide for all our needs of body and  
soul. Grant that we may heartily  
acknowledge Your merciful goodness,  
give thanks for all Your benefits, and  
serve You in willing obedience; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Additional Collects

## Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234

**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.

## 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away

*1 German*

Müde bin ich, geh zur Ruh,

*I am tired, I go to rest*

Schließe meine Äuglein zu:

*I close my eyes;*

Vater, laß die Augen dein

*Father, let Your eyes*

Über meinem Bette sein.

*Be over my bed.*

1 Now the light has gone away;  
Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee to watch and keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.



- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away  
All that has been wrong today;  
Help me ev'ry day to be  
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be  
Always near and dear to Thee;  
O bring me and all I love  
To Thy happy home above.
- 4 Now my evening praise I give;  
Thou didst die that I might live.  
All my blessings come from Thee;  
Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend,  
Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more,  
Always better than before.

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To God Alone Be Glory

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