



# Let the Scriptures Be Fulfilled

Mark 14:43-52

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

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## God's Wisdom

### As We Gather

When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

## + PREPARATION +

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Introduction

P Today's Psalm, Psalm 19, informs our preparation for worship this morning. First, it celebrates the glory of God's creation.

### Psalm

*Psalm 19:1-6*

P The heavens declare the glory of God,  
C **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

P Day to day pours out speech,  
C **and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.  
C **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

P In them He has set a tent for the sun,  
C **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

## 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned  
Thee.  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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## Introduction

P Continuing Psalm 19, the psalmist considers God's perfect Law.

## Psalm

*Psalm 19:7–11*

- P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
C **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
C **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
C **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**
- P More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
C **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;  
C **in keeping them there is great reward.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 19:12–14*

P When we use the Ten Commandments and other parts of the moral code as a mirror, we see that we have fallen from the perfection of God's good creation and His perfect Law.

Who can discern his errors?

C **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

P Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

C **let them not have dominion over me!**

P Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C **O God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Worse, in our fallen nature, we are sinful and unclean, and in the eyes of many we are weak, lowly people. But because You have graciously chosen us and worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.**

P The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

P Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

C **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of God's whole creation, for the well-being of all whom He has chosen to preach Christ crucified, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their thanks for the blessings that flow from the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*John 2:19*

P Destroy this temple,

C **and in three days I will raise it up.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 14:43-52*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter,

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 452 O Perfect Life of Love

- 1 O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 3 No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head  
And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid  
That He might make us whole.
- 5 In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.
- 6 In ev'ry time of need,  
Before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not mine own.
- 7 Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.

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## Sermon "God's Plan Comes True...in Weakness"

### Creed

- C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances.

Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory. And we pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination. Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions. Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities. Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom. Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith. Strengthen clergy and lay leaders to focus not on institutions or statistics but on the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption our Savior won in His gracious sacrifice for us in grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, including Hedy Beer, Kathleen, Alicia, Sallyann, Sheila, Lou, Jean Staffa, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Ray Wirsing, Rod Isaacson, Sharlene, Fran, Doug, Paula, Wally Olson, and Pastor Barber and his family. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

- C Amen.**

## Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

## Lord' 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.**

## Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

**We receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.**

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

C **and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P The Almighty Father, the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One, and the Holy Spirit strengthen you in believing and guard you in peace.

C **Amen.**

### **429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

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| 1 | We sing the praise of Him who died,<br>Of Him who died upon the cross.<br>The sinner's hope let all deride;<br>For this we count the world but loss. | 4 | It makes the coward spirit brave<br>And nerves the feeble arm for fight;<br>It takes the terror from the grave<br>And gilds the bed of death with light; |
| 2 | Inscribed upon the cross we see<br>In shining letters, "God is love."<br>He bears our sins upon the tree;<br>He brings us mercy from above.          | 5 | The balm of life, the cure of woe,<br>The measure and the pledge of love,<br>The sinner's refuge here below,<br>The angels' theme in heav'n above.       |
| 3 | The cross! It takes our guilt away;<br>It holds the fainting spirit up;<br>It cheers with hope the gloomy day<br>And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.      | 6 | To Christ, who won for sinners grace<br>By bitter grief and anguish sore,<br>Be praise from all the ransomed race<br>Forever and forevermore.            |

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### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List:**

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, Pinto) Flour, Mayonnaise, Rice (1 lb or 2 lb bags) and Sugar Items can be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### **Midweek (Wednesday) devotions through Lent:**

**Schedule: Wednesdays February 24 – March 24, 2021**

**7:00 to 7:45 pm:** Devotions Online, with discussion following

Website: <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com>

Look for: **Lenten Midweek Devotions and click the button to [REGISTER]**

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- The Pastor-Led Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings will be suspended during Lent, allowing for MidWeek Lenten Devotions on Wednesdays through the week prior to Holy Week (March 28-April 4). Pastor-Led Bible Studies will resume on Wednesdays, starting on April 21, 2021.

### **Worship:**

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP>

If you find you can't attend after registering, you can go to your confirmation email and remove yourself or indicate to Jim that you are not coming.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube Live and recorded and published on YouTube.

\*Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them.

We are resuming the use of the mailboxes upstairs, so please check yours for the March Monthly News and calendar.

### **Online Giving:**

We are now set up for Online Giving on our website as well as in Breeze. If you haven't set up your personal Breeze account, please do so using the email invite that was sent out to you. Setting up your account allows you to update your personal contact information and allows access to online giving. If you need another invitation or need help setting it up, please contact Jim Burmeister at [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org) or (847) 934-5963.

### **Sonshine Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:**

The annual Sonshine Preschool Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. So much so, that we prepared 110 dinners and had no sauce leftover. So those of you who were hoping to purchase extra sauce, there is none. A big THANK YOU to all who purchased meals or helped in any way, from shopping to cooking to packing all the food and delivering to a few of our homebound members. We, also want to thank those who donated with or without ordering.

### **Daylight Savings Time Reminder:**

This is your friendly reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour.

### **Altar Flowers:**

We have resumed our Altar Flower program. Anyone interested in ordering flowers for the Church Altar, please contact Laurie in the Church Office at 847/537-4430 or [office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:office@ourredeemerprospectheights.org)

### **Thank You For The Flowers:**

Thank you to Bob and Stacey Hartmann for placing today's Altar flower arrangements to the Glory of God, in celebration of their Grandchildren and especially their NEW Granddaughter Madelyn. Congratulations to the Hartmann Family on the new arrival!

### **Email address for Pastor Jim:**

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:  
[Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

### **Prayer Request Information:**

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone (847)934-5963 home or (847)343-3798 cell; or via email at [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

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