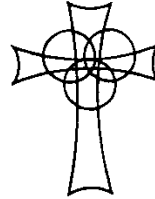
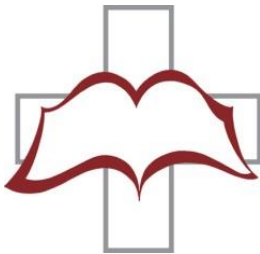


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**The Sacred Season of Lent 2021  
The Road Back to God**

**Midweek Lenten Devotions and Bible Study  
The Fourth Wednesday of Lent  
March 10, 2021**

**Service of the Word in the Season of Lent**

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

*Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 39:13*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;  
**C** hold not Your peace at my tears.
- 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.

- P** <sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**
- P** <sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- 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.**

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and

come again to you.”<sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.<sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”<sup>12</sup> He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”<sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.<sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven<sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,<sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,<sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Scripture Study for the Day

*The Road Back to God*

A Journey of Faith and Trust:

Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah

The Prayers:

**P** In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and to ask for His mercy and grace.

For Your holy people, that they may, with Your aid, resist evil and grow in grace, we pray to You, O Lord:

**C** Lord, graciously hear us.

**P** For all those preparing for Baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from Your mouth, we pray to You, O Lord:

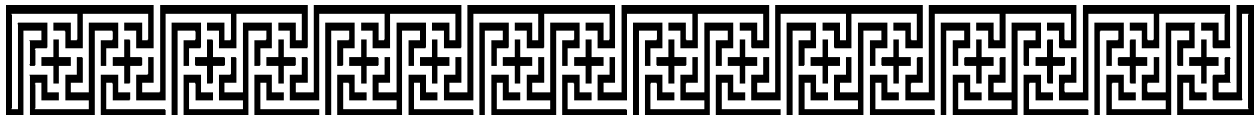
**C** Lord, graciously hear us.

- P** For the leaders of the nations, that You will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,  
we pray to You, O Lord:
- C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- P** For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away,  
we pray to You, O Lord:
- C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- P** For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know Your power to heal,  
we pray to You, O Lord:
- C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- P** For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see You face to face,  
we pray to You, O Lord:
- C** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- P** Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God, offering up to Him our prayers either silently or aloud.

*Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.*

The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**



The Collect of the Week:

- 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.**

The Collect for the Reading:

- P** O God, since you promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude, You provided a substitute for his son Isaac. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world, to lay down His life that we might live as faithful children of Abraham. Grant to all people a living trust in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

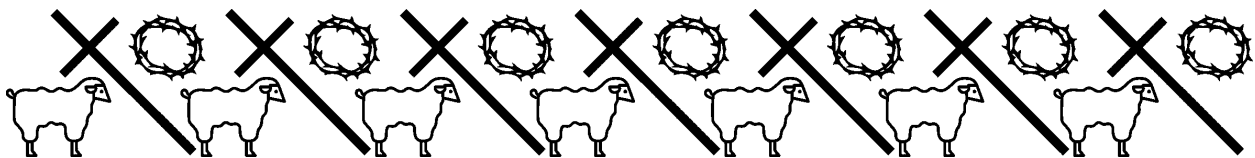
The Collect for the Lenten Season:

- 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.**

The Closing Prayer:

*Ignatius of Loyola (1556)*

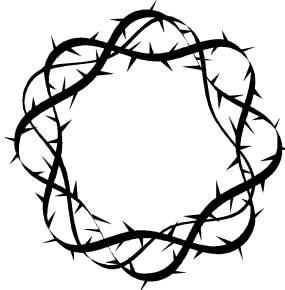
- P** We pray:
- C** **Teach us, good Lord, to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labor and not to seek for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do Your will. Amen.**



The Benediction:

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

If you were unable to send questions to Pastor Schiebel via messaging during the Facebook Live video, you can email your questions to him at [trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net).



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