

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

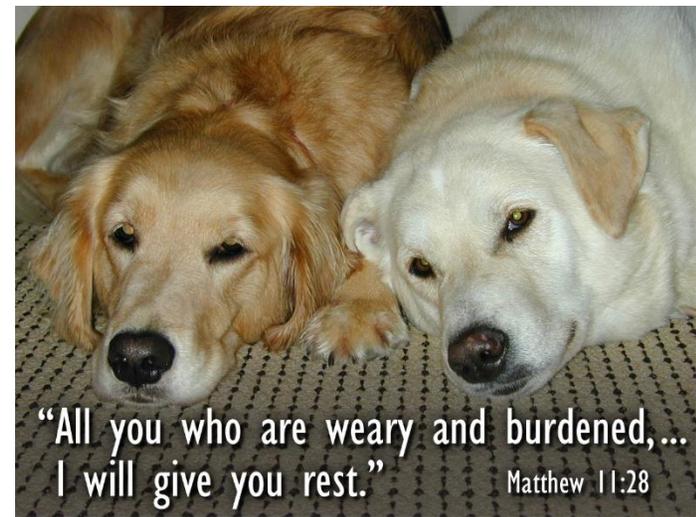
⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



Wednesday Night Lenten Service

The Lenten season is one that is somber & reflective as we gather to recall Jesus' final acts of ministry & the events that led to his death. We come in humility knowing that our sinfulness is no different than any humans that have come before us, but that we ask God to forgive us & make us his new creatures in the waters of our baptism.

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SOLA Lenten Service Order

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany

P: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Oh, Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hurry to deliver me,

C: come and help me, my Lord and my God.

P: Glory to the Father, & to the Son, & to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "At the Cross"

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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*Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Brian

Hymn of the Day "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

*Apostle's Creed

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*Responsive Prayer

P: Let us gather our hearts together as one & suffer our prayers to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation)

P: Let my prayer rise before you as incense.

C: And the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: It is you, loving God, who breathes life into each of us,

C: it is you who calls us into existence.

P: It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin before you.

P: You are the God of the living,

C: and are pleased to offer us forgiveness & reconciliation.

P: Stretch forth your right hand to save us,

C: and defend us from our enemies.

P: You, O Lord, see us who have no strength.

C: and you revive us through the life, death & resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

Pew insert

Offering

*Offering Song "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Benediction & Dismissal

P: May the God of light & truth lead you from this place,

C: be not far from me, O Lord, the rock of my salvation.

P: May the Savior of the world encourage us to follow the example of his great humility,

C: that we would be patient and long-suffering in our service.

P: May the Holy Spirit accompany and guide us,

C: and grant us peace at the closing of the day.

P: Almighty God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, bless you now & forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Thank you for worshipping with us. You may excuse yourself from the pews as you are ready.