

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

'Guided to Perseverance'

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might ... praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance. Ephesians 6:10, 18 Opening Hymn... "Let us ever walk with Jesus" LSB 685; vrs. 1-2

Invocation and Call to Worship

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
- P: Jesus repeatedly told his disciples what lay ahead for him. It was the purpose for which he had come. Calling himself the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah from the prophet Daniel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day" (Matthew 17:22-23).
- C: Teach us, Lord, to follow you in faithfulness.
- P: As the time drew near for Jesus to finish his earthly ministry and to be taken up to heaven, he turned to Jerusalem and to the cross:"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51)
- C: When our days are difficult and challenging, Lord Jesus, help us to keep our focus on you.
- P: As Jesus began to take his final steps toward the cross, he said, "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name" (John 12:27-28).
- C: Jesus, in faithfulness, you took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Set your cross before us to guide us to persevere in faith.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Let us confess our sins to God, and ask his forgiveness.
- C: Almighty God, we are called to persevere in our obedience to your will and your ways, but instead we sin against you. We do not walk in your ways or love others as we should. We are more interested in fulfilling our own desires than serving others and being faithful to your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.
- P: God, in his mercy, sent his Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed his Father's will and suffered and died to save us. I

announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Lord, lead us to walk faithfully in your ways.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus...so that our lives bear witness to your steadfast love. Amen.

Hymn. . . "Hail, Thou once despised Jesus"

LSB 531; vrs. 1-2

7:00 PM Children's Message

Old Testament Reading. . . Micah 6:7-8

Epistle Reading. . . Ephesians 6:13-20

Gospel Reading. . . John 19:16-22

Sermon Hymn... "Draw to the Cross, which Thou hast blessed" LSB 560; vrs. 1-2, 4

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)

Prayers

- P: (after each petition)...Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- C: Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

- P: Into your hand I commit my spirit;
- C: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn. . . "Come, Follow Me"

LSB

688; vrs. 1-2, 5

Midweek Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services at Redeemer

Wednesday, March 20

II:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Vegetable Beef, Chili, & Potato Soups, Ham Sliders, Cornbread, and Dessert hosted by Bibi's Hope **Theme:** 'Guided to Persevere'

Palm Sunday, March 24 Worship 6:30 PM Thursday, March 21; 8:15 & 10:45 AM Sunday, March 24 Theme: 'Guided to Humility'

Maundy Thursday, March 28 I I:30 AM & 7 PM Worship with Holy Communion Theme: 'Guided to Service'

<u>Good Friday, March 29</u> II:30 AM & 7 PM Worship Theme: 'Guided to Sacrifice'

Easter Sunday, March 31 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, & 10:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion Theme: 'Guided to New Life'

7:30-10 AM Redeemer Youth serve Easter Breakfast