

“ Whom do you seek? ”



John 18:7

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Opening Hymn 418 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17*

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions,

C **and my sin is ever before me.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from Your presence,

C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

All: 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.

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Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 6

- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,
nor discipline me in Your wrath.
- ²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- ³My soul also is greatly troubled.
But You, O LORD— how long?
- ⁴Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.
- ⁵For in death there is no remembrance of You;
in Sheol who will give You praise?
- ⁶I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.

⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

⁹The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 18:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: "Of those whom you gave Me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✚ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 752 "Be Still, My Soul"

Sermon Text

John 18:1-11

Sermon "The Powerless I Am"

1. Jesus is arrested _____ .
2. Jesus' _____ statements are key to understanding John.
3. At His _____, Jesus speaks "I Am" twice.
4. It is all weakness and suffering, and this is all _____ .

Hymn 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

☩ 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.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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