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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Series Theme:

Christ is Our Strength,

especially when our faith is tested by or Satan attacks us with various temptations.

Sermon Theme:

A Gracious Disposition

It has been noted that a drowning man will not complain about the size of the boat that comes to rescue him. Yet today's first lesson alerts us to illegitimate complaining as God rescued his people from slavery. In each lesson God shows his merciful disposition of grace--undeserved love that rescues sinners.



Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

THE PASSION HISTORY from MARK, part 4

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 OF THE DAY

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Christian Worship #463



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your o -



vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, Serve and love you best of all!

SERMON

Matthew 4:8-11

“Christ is Our Strength When Tempted to ‘Have It All’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

SERMON NOTES:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord God, in these Lenten days we pray that You would draw us into Your light. Expose where we, like Your people of old, have thought, spoken and acted against You, that in repentance we might look to Your Son lifted up on the cross for our salvation and be saved from Your righteous wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, You led the saints by the straight way of faith in Your Son until they reached Your heavenly city. As we join in their eternal thanksgiving for Your steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, we pray that You would faithfully lead us to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O God, You loved the world by giving Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him might be saved. We pray that You would bless the work of Your Church and those called to preach. By Your Spirit, create and sustain saving faith within us and all who hear Your Word, that we may not be condemned but saved and raised up with Christ to be seated with Him in the heavenly places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O God, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. We pray that Your Spirit would be at work within us, that we may not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works You have prepared for us to do in Him.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord God, You have set Joseph Biden, our president, and Michelle Lujan-Grisham our governor, as authorities over us for our good. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O God, You are our light and our salvation. Hide in Your shelter all who suffer in body, mind or soul. Keep them in their day of trouble from falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”

Christian Worship #111



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, Which be -
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing All our
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en While up -
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, We may
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion Fix our



fore the cross we spend, Life and health and peace pos -
sins on Je - sus laid; Here we see re - demp - tion
on the cross we gaze, See our tres - pass - es for -
to the Sav - ior cleave, Naught with him our hearts di -
hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full sal -



sess - ing From the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
flow - ing From the sac - ri - fice he made.
giv - en, And our songs of tri - umph raise.
vid - ing, All for him con - tent to leave!
va - tion And your un - veiled glo - ry view.

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