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LENT—DAY 25



## INVITATION

*“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 26:1-3, 6-10

Vindicate me, LORD,

for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the LORD

and have not faltered.

Test me, LORD, and try me,

examine my heart and my mind;

for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love

and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. . . .

I wash my hands in innocence,

and go about your altar, LORD,

proclaiming aloud your praise

and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

LORD, I love the house where you live,

the place where your glory dwells.

Do not take away my soul along with sinners,

my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

in whose hands are wicked schemes,

whose right hands are full of bribes.

## BIBLE READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and

following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again slowly...find a word or phrase that catches your eye or moves your heart...slowly repeat it...pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings from your meditation...enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for governments, leaders, and the needs of our world
- ❖ for the continent of Europe
- ❖ for affordable local housing and the homeless

## PRAYER

*Saving Lord, you save me from sin by Christ’s death, but you also raise me with him to a new life. Because I am grafted into Christ, strengthen me this day to walk in that new life, producing good fruits of gratitude. Amen.* (HC 64)

## BLESSING

*“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”* (Num. 6:24-26)

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LENT—DAY 26



## INVITATION

*“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 27:1, 9-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid? . . .

Do not hide your face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,  
God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, LORD;  
lead me in a straight path  
because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,  
for false witnesses rise up against me,  
spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart  
and wait for the LORD.

## BIBLE READING: ROMANS 6:8-14

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Quiet

## DWELLING

Leisurely read again...is there a word or idea that stirred within you? Linger over it and give it your attention...is there something about the reading you'd like to ask God about? Pray your life to God...take a moment to rest in God's presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for spiritual renewal in this season of Lent
- ❖ for deep heart repentance and a genuine humility born of the gospel
- ❖ for new relationships with non-Christians

## PRAYER

*Surprising God, who would have thought that dying was good? My instinct is to avoid it. But, in Jesus, I see that dying is the way to life. Equip me to do what is so difficult—to die to myself and become new. May I be genuinely sorry for my sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. Amen. (HC 89)*

## BLESSING

*“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Num. 6:24-26)*

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LENT—DAY 27



## INVITATION

*“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 28:1-6

To you, LORD, I call;  
you are my Rock,  
do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent,  
I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy  
as I call to you for help,  
as I lift up my hands  
toward your Most Holy Place.

Do not drag me away with the wicked,  
with those who do evil,  
who speak cordially with their neighbors  
but harbor malice in their hearts.

Repay them for their deeds  
and for their evil work;  
repay them for what their hands have done  
and bring back on them what they deserve.

Because they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD  
and what his hands have done,  
he will tear them down  
and never build them up again.

Praise be to the LORD,  
for he has heard my cry for mercy.

## BIBLE READING: MARK 8:34-38

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul? Or what can you give in exchange for your soul? If any of you are ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again, perhaps out loud...how has God's Word moved you? Ponder and meditate what has connected with your heart or mind...pray to God what it is that has moved you today...turn your thoughts to God and quietly enjoy being with him.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for rich gratitude and wonder at Christ's sacrifice
- ❖ to follow the way of the cross and increase our capacity to suffer with others
- ❖ for those who struggle with marital difficulties

## PRAYER

*God of new creations, I search to find real life, but my attempts are ashes because I've failed to understand the gospel mystery, that I need to die to come alive. Teach me to repent, and provide me with the faith and courage to give myself away and so let your new life fill me. In Jesus' name, amen. (HC 88)*

## BLESSING

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Num. 6:24-26)*

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LENT—DAY 28



## INVITATION

*“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 29:1-4, 8-11

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic. . . .

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

## BIBLE READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all  
goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the  
Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but

rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Quiet

## DWELLING

Remind yourself you are in God's presence and read again...notice how God might be speaking to you through his Word—dwell on a word or phrase that jumps out at you...let your heart respond to God in prayer...take refreshment in God's presence.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for the flourishing of Christ's church everywhere
- ❖ for worship that glorifies God and gathers, unites, and blesses his people
- ❖ for those who live as single persons in our church communities

## PRAYER

*Giving God and source of every good thing, forgive me for turning away from you to seek out good in what I think is right or in the latest fads all around me. Turn me again in faith to you and your shining presence. Let me live as a child of light, doing everything good that fits with your law. In Christ's name, amen. (HC 91)*

## BLESSING

*“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Num. 6:24-26)*

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## Fifth Sunday in Lent



### INVITATION

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Ps. 145:17-18)*

Quiet

### BIBLE SONG: PSALM 30:1-5

I will exalt you, LORD,  
for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
LORD my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.  
You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
you spared me from going down to the pit.

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may remain for a night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

### BIBLE READING: JOHN 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.” He did not say this

because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

Quiet

## DWELLING

Read again slowly...find a word or phrase that catches your eye or moves your heart...slowly repeat it...pray your thoughts, desires, needs, and feelings from your meditation...enjoy the presence of your Lord and Savior.

## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for resurrection hope and joy
- ❖ for sharing the good news of the cross

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER

*Beautiful Savior, what can I offer to you for the lavish gift of your loving sacrifice? I joyfully offer you my life, my worship, my treasure, my time, and a willing delight to do every kind of good. Amen. (HC 90)*

## BLESSING

*“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life.” (1 John 5:11-12)*

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## LENT—DAY 29



### INVITATION

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Ps. 145:17-18)*

Quiet

### BIBLE SONG: PSALM 24:1-6

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who do not put their trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

### BIBLE READING: JOHN 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Those who love their life will lose it, while those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## Quiet

### DWELLING

Leisurely read again...is there a word or idea that stirred within you? Linger over it and give it your attention...is there something about the reading you'd like to ask God about? Pray your life to God...take a moment to rest in God's presence.

### FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for our role as caretakers of creation
- ❖ for wise stewardship of our physical resources
- ❖ for those who work in natural resources

### PRAYER

*Why, God, would you give up your glory to take on our broken human nature? Why, Jesus, would you come to the scene of our crimes with the purpose of bearing our punishment? Why would you bitterly suffer and die for us, unless this is glory. Where comprehension fails, help me to simply receive this marvelous mystery in faith. Amen. (BC 20)*

### BLESSING

*“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life.” (1 John 5:11-12)*

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LENT—DAY 30



## INVITATION

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Ps. 145:17-18)*

Quiet

## BIBLE SONG: PSALM 25:1-3, 20-21

In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust. . . .  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause. . . .

Guard my life and rescue me;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
for I take refuge in you.  
May integrity and uprightness protect me,  
because my hope, LORD, is in you.

## BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come

upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live. . . .’”

### Quiet

## DWELLING

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## FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for a love of and commitment to our communities
- ❖ for God to equip us to serve Christ in the public arena
- ❖ for the sacrificial service of police and other emergency workers

## PRAYER

*Lord God, by an entirely supernatural work, not less than a new creation, you brought me from death to life. For this, and all your mercy, I thank you. In Jesus' name, amen. (CD 2.12)*

## BLESSING

*“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life.” (1 John 5:11-12)*