

THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

THE PARABLE *of the* PRODIGAL SON

Welcome to Week Five in The Parables of Lent series of services, which is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. In this parable, a wayward son returns to the forgiving embrace of his father, who welcomes him home.

Opening Hymn: LSB #770

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged - Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness - Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

P In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

C Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

P In this holy season the Son of God rushes out to greet us in the midst of our sin, like a father welcoming a lost child.

C Remind me, O God, of the power of your forgiveness that covers over all my sins and gives me a new beginning.

P In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

We Sing: (Tune LSB # 685)

Let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold,
Learning what he has to teach us, bearing fruit a hundredfold.
See the son, his wealth exhausted, facing hunger and despair,
Worthless as his father's heir; would his father now receive him?
Hear the welcome joy resound: "This my son once lost, is found?"

Confession and Absolution

P Too often in our selfishness we squander the gifts God gives to us. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. When we use and abuse the good gifts you give to us, we display our evil and conceit. We don't even deserve to be called your servants, let alone your children. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.

P The Lord Jesus took on the punishment of all of us prodigals. His sacrifice means that our Heavenly Father comes to greet us with grace that is unearned and undeserved. He celebrates our new life with his forgiving love. Because Jesus took on the punishment for our prodigal ways, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Sing: LSB #422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me.
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, and my glory and salvation!

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 51:7-12 (Lg. print: 888; Reg. print: 457)

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21 (Lg. print: 1819; Reg. print: 949)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (Lg. print: 1625; Reg. print: 849)

Sermon Hymn: Tune LSB #424

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,
For as each parable is heard Christ’s kingdom is made known.

The heir who love would shun, returns to hear the sound
Of welcome: “This my precious son was lost but now is found!”

In ev’ry time of need, before the judgment throne,
Your work, O Lamb of God, I’ll plead, your merits, not my own.

Sermon

Offering

Special Music: “All My Hope is in Jesus”

OSLC Praise Band

Prayers

P Heavenly Father, who gives us all that we have, forgive us for squandering your gifts to us with unholy living and reckless disregard for the blessings that have been showered upon us. Turn our lives back to you and let us value and respect all that you have put in our possession. O forgiving Father,

C surround us with your embrace.

P Heavenly Father, who has placed us into families, help us to grow closer to one another in love, honoring our parents and giving second chances to those who have wandered from the fold. Grace us with hearts that are ready to show unconditional care to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. O forgiving Father,

C surround us with your embrace.

P Heavenly Father, who never gives up on his children, be with those we know who have deserted the faith and followed their own path. Bring them back to you. Be with those who are suffering illness or loss and are feeling like they are living in a distant land. Hold them close to you and remind them of your constant presence with them. Let our hands and feet serve all those in need that we know at this time. O forgiving Father,

C surround us with your embrace.

P Heavenly Father, who is always blessing us even when we are not aware of it, keep us strong in our faith, even when we are hungering and thirsting for meaning and direction in our lives and we are feeling like life is not what we hoped it would be. Let us never forget you and let us never let the circumstances of life distance us from you. Each day remind us that in every place, we find our rest in you. O forgiving Father,

C **surround us with your embrace.**

P Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen

Closing Hymn: LSB #878 verses 1 and 6

“Abide With Me”

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

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Holy Week at OSLC



Palm Sunday Worship- March 28

8:15 and 11:00 am - Easter Cantata
9:30 am - OSKids Process with Palms

Maundy Thursday - April 1

5:00-6:30 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm -Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 2

7:00 pm - Worship Service



Easter at OSLC

7:00 am - Sunrise Service

8:15 am - Traditional Worship*

9:30 am - Contemporary Worship*

11:00 am - Contemporary Worship*

***with Holy Communion**

NO Sunday classes will be meeting.