

Lent 3
“Unless You Repent”

March 20, 2022

As We Gather

What does it mean to repent? In our Gospel today, Jesus invites His disciples to see in the hardships and tragedies of life a call to repent. But what does this mean? How do we know if our repentance is genuine? May the Holy Spirit lead us today and always into lives of repentance and faith.

Welcome

Gathering

“One Thing Remains”
(Your Love Never Fails)

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love, Your love, Your love will never
change

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me

Your love

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

Repeat

Your love

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

“Tremble/What a Beautiful Name”

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny
Your name can not be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high
Your name cannot be overcome **(repeat)**

Jesus, Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny
Your name can not be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high
Your name cannot be overcome **(repeat)**

(So we sing his name) Jesus, Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus **(repeat)**

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus **(repeat)**

Death could not hold You the veil tore be - fore You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life a - gain

You have no rival You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names **(repeat)**

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Prayer

Children's Church

Service of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

¹² “Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’ ¹³ If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done. ¹⁴ And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right— ¹⁵ if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die. ¹⁶ None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live.

¹⁷ “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it. ¹⁹ And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so. ²⁰ Yet you Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord
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.

Sermon**“Unless You Repent”****Offering**

"My King Forever"

You gave Your life for mine
Nailed to the cross You crucified
All my sin and shame
It was washed by Your mercy

You are the treasure I find
My reason for living so let my life
Be - come an offering
To the One who is worthy

Chorus

All praise to the Lord most high
All praise to the One who saved my life
All praise to Jesus Christ
High King of heaven my King forever

You stormed the gates of my heart
The veil in between was torn apart
Now You hold the keys to the grave
'Cause You bring things to life
You roll stones away **Chorus**

I lift my hands up lay my whole life down
My whole life down be - fore You
I lift my hands up lay my whole life down
My whole life now is for You **Chorus**

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

St. John's People and Families

Penni, Haley, & Jacob Cremen
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Andrew, Jennifer, Archie, & Rex Schluter
Chris, Beth, Jaicee, & Seamus Vecera
Brian, Ameris, & Ezra Cleary
Jason, Rebecca, Colin, & Hannah Croft
David, Katie, Charlotte, & Henry Lawrence
Alex, Katherine, & Charles Remy
Brian, Andrea, & Walker Shovelain

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings **Chorus**

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy **Chorus twice**

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Mark 1:15

Serving in Worship Today

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