

Lent 5

Song Come Holy Spirit 383

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. **Before the mountains were born or the earth or the world brought forth, you are God, without beginning or end.** You turn us back into dust. To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.**

from Psalm 90

Reading The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31,31-34 **(Silence)**

Song: 424 – Sing, praise and bless the Lord

Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it

bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life for eternal life. follow me, and servant be the Father will troubled. And save me from reason that I Father, glorify



life in this world will keep it. Whoever serves me must where I am, there will my also. Whoever serves me, honor. Now my soul is what should I say - Father, this hour? No, it is for this have come to this hour. your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12,23-32

(Silence) A time of Meditation – Focus on Prayer

446 – O Lord, hear my prayer

I Cannot Do This Alone : O God, early in the morning I cry to you. **Help me to pray** And to concentrate my thoughts on you: **I cannot do this alone.** In me there is darkness, **But with you there is light;** I am lonely, but you do not leave me; **I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;** I am restless, but with you there is peace. **In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;** I do not understand your ways, **But you know the way for me...** Restore me to liberty, **And enable me to live now** That I may answer before you and before me. **Lord, whatever this day may bring, Your name be praised.** - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

446 – O Lord, hear my prayer

Almighty God, the Refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that, in all trouble of this our mortal life, we may flee to the knowledge of Thy lovingkindness and tender mercy; that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within us.

Whatsoever this life may bring us, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that Thou art our Father. Grant us Thy light, that we may have life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - George Dawson

446 – O Lord, hear my prayer

O Christ, by remaining faithful till death, you show us the road to greater love. **O Christ, by taking the burden of sin upon yourself, you reveal to us the way of generosity.** O Christ, by praying for those who crucified you, you lead us to forgive without counting the cost. **O Christ, by opening paradise to the repentant thief, you awaken hope in us.** O Christ, come and help our weak faith. **O Christ, create a pure heart in us; renew and strengthen our spirit.** O Christ, your Word is near, may it live within us and protect us always. (we continue in prayer, spoken and silent) Our Father (Silence)

Christ Jesus, even when we can feel nothing of your presence, you are always there. Your Holy Spirit remains continually active in us, opening ways forward to escape from our dead ends and to move towards the essential of faith, of trust. Bless us, Christ Jesus; though we have never seen you, we love you.

Song: 527 – Eat this bread

Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty. **We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . . **“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said, . . . **“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”**

We celebrate with the saint from all time and eternity in this moment of mystery and sings anew... **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . . **We participate in the Body of Christ.**

Through the cup of blessing . . . **We participate in the new life Christ gives.**

The divine mystery is our greatest reality - **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is coming again!**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come, for all things are ready!

Prayer after communion

Song: 501 – Live in charity

We ask for blessing:

The light of God surrounds us;

The love of God enfolds us;

The power of God protects us;

The presence of God watches over us;

Wherever we are, God is, and all is well!