

# Order of Midweek Lenten Worship

Opening Prayer: Opening Hymn:

Confession & Absolution: With Isaiah 64 and TLH 149

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:1-2)

Sing [♪]: Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

- P: Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down!
- C: That the mountains might shake at Your presence -
- P: To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
- C: That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
- P: When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down,
- C: The mountains shook at Your presence.
- P: For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
- C: Nor eye has seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

Sing []: Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

ALL: You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved.

But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
we are the clay, and You our potter;
and all we are the work of Your hand.
Do not be furious, O LORD,
nor remember iniquity forever;
indeed, please look— we all are Your people!

Sing [ ]: Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

- P: The LORD has looked on His people and come down from the heavens with His mercy and compassion. Because of our sins, the anger of the LORD was poured out on His sinless Son, Jesus Christ on the cross at Mount Calvary. At His death, the earth quaked. Because of His suffering and death, you are forgiven.
- C: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." (Isaiah 25:9)
- P: Thus says the LORD, who has mercy on you: "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed." (Isaiah 54:10)

Sing [戊]: He that drinks shall live forever;
Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

P: Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." (Isaiah 2:2-3) Hear, now, the Word of the LORD ...

[The Passion Reading for the evening ...]

P: So far our Passion Reading ...

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Confession of Faith:.....Solid Declaration, Art. III, The Righteousness of Faith

"We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God. A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own. This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel. Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved." This is most certainly true.

Response: ....... With TLH 159:2

Sing [戊]: Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Sermon: The Mountain Range of the LORD's Glory

**Response:** ...... WS 779:2

Sing [戊]: Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side. But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore. With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

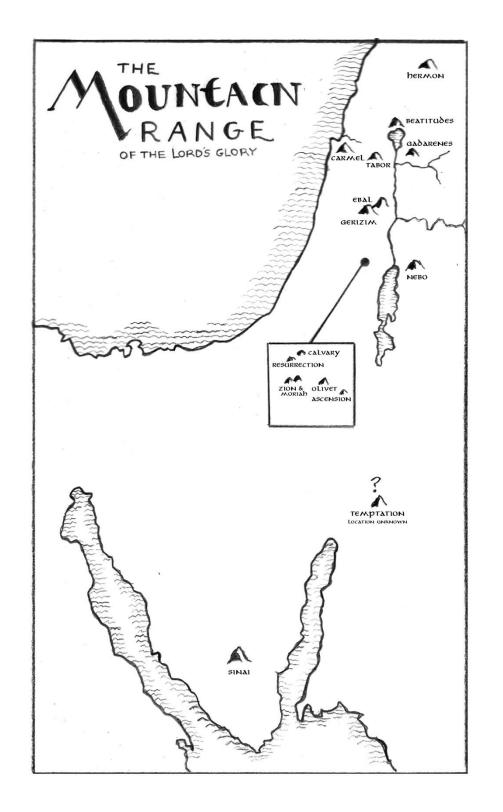
#### Hymn:

Offering, Prayer, Lord's Prayer (Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday): Benediction (Choir or Below):

P: Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. (Psalm 125:1-2) May the almighty and merciful God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, surround you and keep you in His grace.

Sing [ ♬]: Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Closing Hymn:



# The Mountain Range of the LORD's Glory

Mount Gerizim: Where God Blesses His People as They Face the Curse of the Law:.......... Joshua 8:30-35

Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, <sup>31</sup> as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: "an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron *tool.*" And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. <sup>32</sup> And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. <sup>33</sup> Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them *were* in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. <sup>34</sup> And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. <sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them. (*NKJV*<sup>TM</sup>)

Hymns: TLH 369; WS 723; TLH 558 Pastor John Hein – March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)

# Mount of Temptation: Where Jesus Resists the Devil for Us: .....Luke 4:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (*NKJV*<sup>TM</sup>)

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer - March 9, 2022

Hymns: TLH 166; TLH 144; TLH 552:1,7-8

Mount of Gadarenes: Where Jesus Shows His Authority over Satan's Domain: ..... Luke 8:26-27a, 32-33

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. ... <sup>32</sup> Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.  $(NKJV^{TM})$ 

Hymns: TLH 145; TLH 263; WS 796 Rev. David Schierenbeck – March 16, 2022

<sup>1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, ....  $^{7:28}$  And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ( $NKJV^{TM}$ )

Hvmns: TLH 174: TLH 353:1-3,6-7: TLH 653 Pastor John Hein – March 23, 2022

## Mount Olivet: Where Jesus Began to Suffer: Matthew 26:36-39

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." <sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." <sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

Hymns: TLH 446; TLH 159; TLH 555:1,4-5 Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer – March 30, 2022

### Mount Moriah: Where God's Son would be Sacrificed: Genesis 22:2, 11-14

<sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ... <sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me." <sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." (*NKJV*<sup>TM</sup>)

Hymns: TLH 165; TLH 375; TLH 551:1-3 Rev. Daniel Fleischer – April 6, 2022

## Mount Calvary: Where Jesus Died for All Sin: Luke 23:33

<sup>33</sup> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.  $(NKJV^{TM})$ 

Pastor John Hein - April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)

Mount of Resurrection: Where Jesus Rose from the Dead: John 20:1-10



"Great is your faithfulness."

LAMENTATIONS 3:23

# **Summary of Significant Mountains Mentioned in the Bible**

MOUNTAIN OR HILL	SCRIPTURE	SIGNIFICANCE	ELEVATION
Mount Ararat	Genesis 8:4	Where Noah's ark rested after the flood while he and his family waited for the waters to recede. Location assumed.	16,854 ft.
Mount Sinai / Mount Horeb	Exodus 3; Exodus 19- 20; Numbers 3; Nehemiah 9:13-14	Where the LORD came to Moses at the burning bush and later gave the Ten Commandments. Location assumed.	7,497 ft.
Mount Hermon	Deuteronomy 3:8-9, Joshua 13:1-6, 11, Psalm 42:6, Psalm 89:12, Psalm 133	A mountain to the north that captures a great deal of precipitation through snow and rain to supply water for the Jordan River. Considered to be a lifeline to the arid area of Israel where there can be little precipitation.	9,232 ft.
Mount Nebo	Deuteronomy 32:49, Deuteronomy 34:1	Where Moses was able to view the promised land. Here he also died and was buried by God.	2,330 ft.
Mount Gerizim	Deuteronomy 11:29, Deuteronomy 27-28, Joshua 8:30-35, John 4:19-21, Judges 9:7	Where half of the Israelites proclaimed the blessings when entering the promised land. Next to Mount Ebal, forming a natural amphitheater for carrying sound.	2,890 ft.
Mount Ebal	Deuteronomy 11:29, Deuteronomy 27-28, Joshua 8:30-35	Where an altar was built and half of the Israelites proclaimed the curses when entering the promised land. Next to Mount Gerizim, forming a natural amphitheater for carrying sound.	3,080 ft.
Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18:16-46, 2 Kings 2:25	Where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal and Asherah to build an altar and pray for fire to consume a sacrifice.	1,724 ft.
Mount Moriah	Genesis 22:2, 2 Chronicles 3:1	Where Abraham was to sacrifice his only son Isaac and where Solomon eventually built God's temple. Likely an older name and same place as Mount Zion.	2,510 ft.
Mount Zion	2 Samuel 5:1-10, 1 Kings 8:1	Referring to Jerusalem, the temple built by Solomon, Israel, also referring to heaven or God's people.	2,510 ft.
Mount of Beatitudes	Matthew 5-7	The setting for Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Its location is assumed to be on a hill named Mount Eremos on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee.	-82 ft. below sea level 656 ft. above Sea of Galilee level
Mount of Gadarenes	Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-33	Where Jesus commanded the demons to leave a man and they entered a herd of swine which rushed off a steep bank to drown in the southeast part of the Sea of Galilee.	Unknown
Mount Tabor	Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:1-8, Luke 9:28-36	Known as the Mount of Transfiguration, this is where Jesus was glorified in a glimpse of divine majesty. Moses and Elijah spoke of His upcoming decease in Jerusalem foretold in the Old Testament. Location assumed to be Mount Tabor.	1,886 ft.
Mount of Olives	Luke 22:39, Acts 1:9- 12, 2 Samuel 15:30	Many events happened on this mount during Jesus' time on earth. He arrived from here on Palm Sunday. Also location of Gethsemane where He prayed the night before His crucifixion.	2,684 ft.
Calvary / Golgotha	Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33, John 19:17	Where Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. Calvary is Latin for "bald head" or "skull," Golgotha is Aramaic for "skull," likely due to its unique appearance or features. Location assumed.	Similar to Mount Zion
Garden Tomb	Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-10	Where Jesus was buried in the tomb and His Resurrection took place. Location unknown.	Similar to Mount Zion
Mount at Bethany	Luke 24:50-53	Where Jesus ascended into heaven, also considered to be at the Mount of Olives, a longer hillside with different peaks.	2,684 ft.