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Romans 5:19, NRSV

## Silent Prayer and Meditation

*The congregation prepares in silence.*

### *In Adam We Have All Been One*

*LSB 569 (tune 444)*

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,  
One huge rebellious man;  
We all have fled that evening voice  
That sought us as we ran.
- 2 We fled thee, and in losing thee  
We lost our brother too;  
Each singly sought and claimed his own;  
Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But thy strong love, it sought us still  
And sent thine only Son  
That we might hear his Shepherd's voice  
And, hearing him, be one.
- 4 O thou who, when we loved thee not,  
Didst love and save us all,  
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,  
O hear us when we call.
- 5 Send us thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
Thou Son, O set us free  
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
To make us one in thee.

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Reading

*Daniel 9:1-10, 17-19*

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—<sup>2</sup> in the first year

of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 51:1–15 (antiphon: v. 17)*

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**C** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

- C** and cleanse me from my sin!  
**P** For I know my transgressions,  
**C** and my sin is ever before me.

*Silence*

- P** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
**C** so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.  
**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**C** and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
**P** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
**C** and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Silence*

- P** Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**C** let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
**P** Hide your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from your presence,  
**C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*Silence*

- P** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
**C** and sinners will return to you.  
**P** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,  
**C** and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare your praise.  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** and to the Holy Spirit;  
**P** as it was in the beginning,

**G** is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:21-24*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall*    *LSB 562 1-3 (tune 595)*

- 1    All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;  
      One common sin infects us all.  
      From one to all the curse descends,  
      And over all God’s wrath impends.
- 2    Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps  
      And us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
      In guilt we draw our infant breath  
      And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3    From hearts depraved, to evil prone,  
      Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
      God’s image lost, the darkened soul  
      Seeks not nor finds its heav’nly goal.

## Homily

*All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall*    *LSB 562 4-6 (tune 595)*

- 4    But Christ, the second Adam, came

To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way,  
Our only hope, our only stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

**Reading** *Romans 5:12,15-19 (The New Testament for Everyone)*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one human being, and death through sin, and in that way death spread to all humans, in that all sinned....

<sup>15</sup> But it isn't "as the trespass, so also the gift." For if many died by one person's trespass, how much more has God's grace, and the gift of grace through the one person Jesus the Messiah, abounded to the many? <sup>16</sup> And nor is it "as through the sin of the one, so also the gift." For the judgement which followed the one trespass resulted in a negative verdict, but the free gift which followed many trespasses resulted in a positive verdict. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace, and of the gift of the covenant membership, of "being in the right," reign in life through the one man Jesus the Messiah?

<sup>18</sup> So, then, just as, through the trespass of one person, the result was condemnation for all people, even so, through the upright act of one person, the proper verdict is life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of one person many receive the status of "sinner," so through the obedience of one person many will receive the status of "being in the right."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Confession of Sins

**P** Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" — and that we

are part of that “all.”

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, family from family, neighbor from neighbor,

**C** **Father forgive us.**

**P** For the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth you have called us to care for,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** For our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the sick, the homeless, the refugee, the stranger, the hungry, the thirsty, and the rejected,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** For the lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** For the pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, and the arrogance that causes us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought,

**C** **Father, forgive us.**

**P** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

**C** **Amen.**

*Silence*

## **Imposition of Ashes**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your people from ages past put on sackcloth and ashes so that their inner penitence might take physical form. As we shape these ashes into the form of your Son’s cross, grant that they not only show our penitence but also our confident hope in your forgiveness for his sake; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The people may come forward at this time to be marked with the cross. As the pastor applies ashes, the following is said:*

**P** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

**R** Amen.

***The Tree of Life***

*LSB 561 (tune550)*

- 1    **The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.**
  
- 2    **The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.**
  
- 3    **What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by his grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!**
  
- 4    **Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in his name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,**

To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

*In the Shattered Bliss of Eden*

*LSB 572 (tune 848)*

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden  
Dawned the day of sacrifice,  
As our primal parents shuddered—  
Sin had caused this dreadful price!  
Faith embarked with this discernment:  
Only God can cover sin,  
As he took their leafy garments  
And he clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding  
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:  
Fallen Adam's children learning  
Lessons fallen parents taught.  
All these sacrificial off'rings  
Crested as a crimson flood:  
Patriarchs and priests atoning  
For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised  
From a God who sought to bless,  
Came at last—a second Adam—  
Priest and King of Righteousness:  
Son of God, incarnate Savior,  
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,  
Who in naked shame would offer  
On the cross his blood outpoured.
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,  
Gone the age of sacrifice;  
Ours the time of grace and favor,  
Ours the call to paradise!  
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:  
Only you can cover sin—  
Take our worthless, self-made garments;  
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

## Absolution

**P** The ashes upon our foreheads declare what is true. The wages of sin is death, and though we have received new life in Holy Baptism, our old self continues to fight God's promise and reap sin and death in our lives. The shape of the ashes upon our foreheads also declares what is true. God sent his only Son to die in our place and be the death of death, and to bring new and abundant life. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal salvation. As a called and ordained servant of the word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Reading

*Jonah 3:1-10*

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup>But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lord's Prayer

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## Benediction

### *No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone*

*LSB 747 (tune 752)*

- 1 No saint on earth lives life to self alone  
Or dies alone, for we with Christ are one.  
So if we live, for Christ alone we live,  
And if we die, to Christ our dying give.  
In living and in dying this confess:  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.
- 2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain,  
That to new life he might arise again.  
Through sorrow on to triumph Christ has led,  
And reigns o'er all: the living and the dead.  
In living and in dying, him we bless;  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.

## Sending

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



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