



# 2018 LENTEN VESPERS SERIES

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Mid-Week #1

## HYMNS

**CW 102** — *Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains*

**CW 377:1-3,10** — *Dear Christians, One and All,  
Rejoice*

**CW 396** — *In Adam We Have All Been One*

## PSALM OF THE DAY ❖ *Psalm 130*

## PSALM PRAYER

God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depth of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## PASSION HISTORY ❖ *Luke 22:1-38*

## LESSON ❖ *Romans 3:9-20*

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we any better off? No, not at all! In fact, we have already made the charge that all (both Jews and Greeks) are under sin. <sup>10</sup> Just as it is written:

There is no one who is righteous, not even one.

<sup>11</sup> There is no one who understands. There is no one who searches for God. <sup>12</sup> They all turned away; together they became useless. There is no one who does what is good; there is not even one. <sup>13</sup> Their throat is an open grave. They kept deceiving with their tongues. The poison of asps is on their lips. <sup>14</sup> Their mouth is filled with cursing and bitterness. <sup>15</sup> Their feet are quick to shed blood. <sup>16</sup> They leave a trail of destruction

and suffering wherever they go. <sup>17</sup> The way of peace they did not know. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear of God in front of their eyes.

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup> For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

## SERMON TEXT ❖ *John 8:31-38*

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> "We are Abraham's descendants," they answered, "and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, 'You will be set free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free. <sup>37</sup> I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because there is no place for my word in you. <sup>38</sup> I am telling you what I have seen at the side of the Father. As for you, you do what you have heard at the side of your father."

***Possessed by Sin  
and Bound by Death***

## Psalm 130

**Refrain**



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

**Psalm Tone**



### **Refrain**

Out of the depths I cry to | you, O LORD;  
O Lord, | hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- | tentive  
to my cry for | mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a re- | cord of sins,  
O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | giveness;  
therefore | you are feared.

### **Refrain**

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I | put my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the | morning.

O Israel, put your hope | in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full re- | demption.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

### **Refrain**