



# 2018 LENTEN VESPERS SERIES

Mid-Week #4

## HYMNS

**CW 123** — *Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free*

**CW 377:1,7-8,10** — *Dear Christians, One and All,  
Rejoice*

**CW 418** — *My God Will Never Leave Me*

## PSALM OF THE DAY ❖ Psalm 32

### PSALM PRAYER

Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have transgressed against you. But you have been merciful to us and have forgiven the guilt of our sin. Surround us with your unfailing love that we may rejoice in your great goodness now and forever; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## PASSION HISTORY ❖ Luke 23:1-25

### LESSON ❖ Romans 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup> So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

<sup>5</sup> To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. <sup>6</sup> Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind-set of

the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

## SERMON TEXT ❖ John 14:15-27

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, hold on to my commands. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

<sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are going to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our

home with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have told you these things while staying with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup> "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

***Your Ransom and Your Rescue***

## Psalm 32

**Refrain**

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;

re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

**Psalm Tone**

**Refrain**

Blessed is he whose transgressions are for | given,  
whose sins are | covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy u- | pon me;  
my strength was sapped as  
in the heat of | summer.

Then I acknowledged my | sin to you  
and did not cover up my in- | iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.

**Refrain**

You are my | hiding place;  
you will protect me from | trouble.

Many are the woes of the | wicked,  
but the LORD's unfailing love  
surrounds those who | trust in him.

**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**