

This year in our mid week Lenten worship we look at the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3. In this Jesus shows us characteristics that he wants to see in local congregations. We also see things he wants us to avoid.

Stand

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Hymn 411:1-2

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.
Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

- M: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- C: **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**
- M: I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.
Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

C: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

M: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Psalm 16:1-6

Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Hymn 411:3

3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de-spise, for -
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

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THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

All: O Jesus, risen Savior, my enemies of mind and body often frighten me. Assure me that because you died and overcame death, nothing can separate me from the crown of life you have won for me and all believers. Enable me to live boldly each day for you. In your name I pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Is this the man who shook the earth?

Isaiah 14:12-17

¹² How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

¹³ You said in your heart,
“I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.”

¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,
to the depths of the pit.

¹⁶ Those who see you stare at you,
they ponder your fate:

“Is this the man who shook the earth
and made kingdoms tremble,

¹⁷ the man who made the world a wilderness,
who overthrew its cities

and would not let his captives go home?” (New International Version)

Second Lesson

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer

Rev 2:8-11

⁸ “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹ I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

¹¹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. (NIV)

M: This is what the Spirit says to the churches.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

See to it that you are not alarmed

Matthew 24:4-14

⁴Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

Hymn

Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing Hymn 121



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In your
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci -
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your
 5 O my God, my Rock and Tow - er, Grant that



ho - ly wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that
 nate my sin - ful mind, Let me think a -
 broad and eas - y road, With se - duc - tive,
 wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm weak, your
 in your death I trust, Know - ing death has



I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind.
 bout your pas - sion, And new cour - age I shall find.
 sin - ful vic - es, Let me think a - bout the load
 cross re - vives me, Grant - ing new life to my soul.
 lost his pow - er Since you crushed him in the dust.



Should some e - vil thought with - in Tempt my treach - 'rous
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard, Let me then be
 You were will - ing to en - dure; Then I'll flee all
 Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet Ev - 'ry bit - ter
 Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny Ev - er help and



heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from sin - ning
 on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was wound - ed,"
 thoughts im - pure, Mas - ter - ing each wild temp - ta - tion,
 cup I meet; For your all - a - ton - ing pas - sion
 com - fort me; When I die be my pro - tec - tion,



Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

M: Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

C: The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus be with God's people. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn

In the Hour of Trial Hymn 116:1,3



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
3 Should your mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,



Lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,



When you see me wa - ver, With a look re - call,
Grant that I may nev - er Fail your cross to view;



Nor for fear or fa - vor Ev - er let me fall.
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on you.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: ST. MARY MAGDALENE (65 65 D) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.