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Love is spoken here! Be the living Eucharist!

LENTEN MID-WEEK STUDY SERIES - MARCH 25TH

Every tongue confesses Jesus

OPENING SCRIPTURE: Psalm 37:1-9

¹ Do not be preoccupied with evildoers. Do not envy those who do wicked things.

² They will quickly dry up like grass and wither away like green plants.

³ Trust the LORD, and do good things. Live in the land, and practice being faithful.

⁴ Be happy with the LORD, and [you will be given] the desires of your heart.

⁵ Entrust your ways to the LORD. Trust [God who will] act on your behalf.

⁶ [The Lord] will make your righteousness shine like a light, your just cause like the noonday sun.

⁷ Surrender yourself to the LORD, and wait patiently for [the Lord].

Do not be preoccupied with an evildoer who succeeds in [their] way when he carries out his schemes.

⁸ Let go of anger, and leave rage behind. Do not be preoccupied. It only leads to evil.

⁹ Evildoers will be cut off from their inheritance, but those who wait with hope for the LORD will inherit the land.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

SECOND READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE (*Tanakh*): Genesis 28:10-15 *God's Word Translation**

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. ¹¹ When he came to a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had gone down. He took one of the stones from that place, put it under his head, and lay down there. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway set up on the earth with its top reaching up to heaven. He saw the angels of God going up and coming down on it. ¹³ The LORD was standing above it, saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give the land on which you are lying to you and your descendants. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust on the earth. You will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. Through you and through your descendant every family on earth will be blessed. ¹⁵ Remember, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. I will also bring you back to this land because I will not leave you until I do what I've promised you."

Response Word of God, Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:5-11

*New Revised Standard Version**

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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HYMN TEXT

All my hope in God is founded

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- 1) All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.
- 2) Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3) Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4) Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

BLESSING The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

The Lord look upon us ☩ with favor and grant us peace! **Amen!**



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