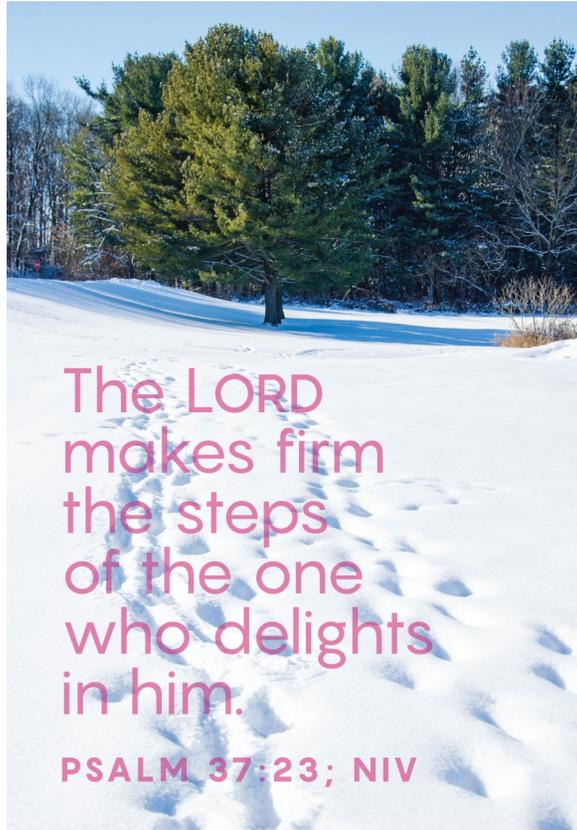


Deliverance from Danger

Human anger meets Christ's
compassion in the Passion



Midweek Lenten Service
7 p.m. Worship Service
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ABOUT THE SERIES: We live in an increasingly angry culture. Although we may feel justified at becoming angry with something or someone who violates the Word of God, we often express that anger in unhelpful and even harmful ways. In our 2020 Lenten series, “Deliverance from Danger,” we will explore the destructive nature of supposed “righteous” anger in humans. In response to all this misplaced, misinformed and misguided human anger, Jesus responds with grace and mercy, compassionately dispensing God’s gifts.

THEME OF THE DAY: Herod was a collector of unique things he thought would impress and entertain others. He once kept John the Baptist under lock and key as an attraction; in today’s reading, he now receives Jesus to entertain at his court. Demanding some sort of sign or pithy saying from Jesus, Herod looks on Jesus with contempt, becoming angry when he doesn’t get the response from Jesus he expects. We too can look upon God and our fellow Christians with contempt when we feel they are not giving us all we demand or need.

Invocation

(P = pastor; C = congregation)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Gracious heavenly Father, we come before you confessing our anger against you and toward others.

C: **Like Herod, we can often hold others in contempt when we feel they don’t do the things we want. We can also hold You in contempt when we feel You have not granted our every demand. This leads to separation from You and others. Grant us patience and appreciation for all that you provide. Help us to see others as our neighbors, not as objects for our amusement or self-gratification. Lead us to repentance. Forgive us and deliver us from the danger of human anger.**

P: Our Lord experienced extreme expressions of anger against Him.

C: **Jesus was delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.**

P: Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ. For His sake, God forgives you all your sins. 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: **Thanks be to God for His compassion shown to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 37:30-34

P: The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

C: **The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.**

P: The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.

C: **The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.**

P: Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land.

C: **You will look on when the wicked are cut off.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Merciful Father, Your son had compassion upon undeserving, woeful sinners. Yet we often look upon Your ways and toward others with contempt, thinking they are beneath us, especially when we don't get what we expect. Deliver us from pride and selfishness, grant us humble hearts and send Your Holy Spirit that we may value our neighbor and rejoice in the undeserved salvation you have given; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:1-12

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”

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425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

P: Help us, O Lord, this night

C: To live without sin.

P: O Lord, let your mercy be on us.

C: As our trust is in you.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: And let our cry come to you.

P: *(Special Prayers)* Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

