

Lent

It Won't Be Long

February 26, 2023

Psalm 32

The Joy of Forgiveness
Of David. A Maskil.

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no
iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long,
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
7 You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of
deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should
go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without
understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the
Lord.
11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Lectionary Readings:
Genesis 2v15-17, 3v1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5v12-19; Matthew 4v1-11

To what extent, if any, is confessing your sins
to God a productive activity?

When is the last
time you were
disciplined?

What if part of the value of
Lent is being reminded you're
a person accountable to God?

Genesis 2v15-17; 3v1-7

G. K. Chesterton &
Orthodoxy

What do you believe about
sin? Does it exist or is it an
antiquated idea?

Mercy & Accountability

What do you believe
about objective morality?

Is there a God to whom we answer?

Do you believe there's a real
evil looking to exploit your
inherent sickness?

Do you believe you're prone to
do the opposite fo that which
makes you strong, healthy, whole
and at peace?

Are unconfessed sins
really crushing?

What's the value of
forgiveness?

How does God provide a
way through?

Is forgiveness really a pathway
for happiness?

Does protection come with
right standing before God?

To what extent, if any, is confessing your
sins to God a productive activity?

Could the hard work
of Lent really lead to
the joy of Easter?

Does God's teaching really heal?

Book: *The Message of the Psalms*, by Walt Brueggmann; *Why Lent?* (email adam@narratechurch.org for a digital copy)
Songs: So Sorry (Preview), God With Us, Mystery, 10,000 Reasons, Hideaway (Psalm 32), O Come to the Altar
Looking to Connect?: One of the staff would love to meet for a walk, on the phone, or for a beverage. To schedule a time please visit our website and click on the "Meet with Staff" button on the home page.