LENTEN HYMN

Hymn Devotion - February 16

Scripture - Mark 1:12-13

 Matthew 4:1-2

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
And close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.

As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live
By Thy most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.

Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

 For everyone, whether you participate in Lent or not, during the forty days before Easter, make this a time of reflection on the suffering of our Savior and be sorry for your sins. Remove something that takes time from God and add more time of prayer.

1. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness after his baptism - What did He do?

2. What is the lesson we need to learn?

3. By doing this we will be drawn where?

4. Verse 2: With whom did Jesus contend?

5. Who was the victor?

6. Who will give us strength to fight?

7. What do we need to conquer?

8. Verse 3: What two things did Jesus bear?

9. What is the lesson asked of the Gracious Lord?

 How are we to learn this lesson?

10. Verse 4: Penitence is regret for sin - repentant sinner. Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent.

 What are the days of Lent and especially the last two weeks set aside for?

11. When are we asking Jesus to abide with us?

12. Verse 5: Abide - dwell. Over past - ended, in the past. What is this phrase saying?

13. What should Easter produce in our lives?

14. When is this attained?

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

Hymn Devotion - February 17

Scripture –Romans 5:6-9, Ephesians 3:17-18

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore,
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought;
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death,
For us gave up His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here,
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God

For love so deep, so high, so broad:

The Trinity, whom we adore

Forever and forevermore.

Latin Hymn (fifteenth century)

Translated by Benjamin Webb

 (1819-1885)

 This hymn says it all and it was done for US – Jesus did not have to be baptized – He was sinless but He is our example. He prayed, taught, healed, suffered, died and yes arose again for US – Thank-you Jesus.

1. How is God’s love described?
2. What does it do to our heart?
3. Who took mortal form?
4. Why did He do it?
5. Verse 2:

For us: 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 6. Verse 3:

 For us: 1.

 2.

 3.

 7. List the other ways that Jesus was

 seeking for us and not Him:

 8. Verse 4: What happened when He

 was betrayed to wicked men?

 9. What did He bear?

 10. What for us did He give up?

 11. Verse 5: Once again what is done

 for us?

 12. What does the Holy Spirit sent

 here for us do?

13. Verse 6: What should be given to our Lord and God?

 14. Why?

 15. Who do we adore?

 16. How long?

HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE

Hymn Devotion - February 18

Scripture – I Corinthians 11:23-25

 Revelation 19:9

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
The hallowed hour of fellowship with Thee.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove; but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb’s great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

 As close as earthly possible we come face to face with God at the Communion Table. We remember that dying Jesus paid for our sins and rising He gave us eternal life. We celebrate this feast over and over, the elements go away but the love and His presence are still with us forever.

1. At the Lord’s Table how do we see Him?
2. What do we do with the unseen?
3. What do we get a firmer grip on?
4. What do we put upon the Lord?
5. Verse 2: What two things are done in the hour?
6. How is the spread described?
7. What is done here?
8. What would we want to prolong?
9. Verse 3: What is fed upon?
10. What is drank?
11. What is laid aside?
12. What is refreshing?
13. Verse 4: What too soon do we do?

What disappears?

1. What is past and gone and what is not?
2. What is nearer than ever?
3. Verse 5: What comes and passes by?
4. What do the feasts point to?
5. What is this feast the “foretaste” or forerunner to?

HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

Hymn Devotion - February 19

Scripture – Revelation 5:11-13

 Isaiah 53:3

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,

Who hast borne our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favor;

Life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,

Thou hast full atonement made.
Every sin may be forgiven,

 Through the virtue of Thy blood;
Opened is the gate of Heaven,

 Peace is made twixt man and God.

Worship, honor, power and blessing Christ is worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,

Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,

Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing of Jesus’ merits,

Help to chant Emmanuel’s praise!

Probably by John Bakewell (1721-1819)

Probably altered by Martin Madan

 (1726-1790)

 Jesus was made the atonement for our sin, once and for all. We are to give worship, honor, power, and blessing to Jesus. With loudest praises that are never ceasing.

1. List the two Hail lines:

2. List the two Thou didst lines:

3. How is the Savior described?

4. How do we find favor?

5. How is life given?

6. Verse 2: Paschal or Sacrificial Lamb, appointed by whom?

7. What was laid on Christ?

8. Almighty is not capitalized so strength is by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anointed.

9. What has been made?

10. How many sins can be forgiven?

11. How?

12. What is opened?

13. What is made between God and man?

14. Verse 3: List four things Christ is worthy to receive?

15. What is right for us to give?

16. What are the angelic spirits to bring?

17. What are two things are we “to” do?

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS

Hymn Devotion - February 20

Scripture – Acts 1:7-9

 I Timothy 2:6

Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus,
Sang as they welcomed His birth.
Glory to God in the highest!
Peace and good tidings to earth.

*Refrain*

*Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.*

Fasting alone in the desert,
Tell of the days that are past.
How for our sins He was tempted,
Yet was triumphant at last.
Tell of the years of His labor,
Tell of the sorrow He bore.
He was despised and afflicted,
Homeless, rejected and poor.

*Refrain*

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain.
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,
Tell how He liveth again.
Love in that story so tender,
Clearer than ever I see.
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,
Love paid the ransom for me.

*Refrain*

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915

 The story of Jesus, precious and sweet, yet needs to be told to us so that we can write it on our heart. Head knowledge is important but we need the love of God written in our hearts to show and tell others about Him.

1. What story is to be told?

2. Where is the story to be written?

3. How is the story described?

4. Who sang and what did they sing about?

5. What was the message?

6. Verse 2: Briefly tell the story of the first statement of the verse:

7. List the two “Tell of” lines:

8. List the five “He was” words:

9. Verse 3: Where did they nail Him?

10. Describe the experience:

11. Where did they lay Him?

12. Then what happened?

13. What is tender and clear in this story?

14. What must we always remember?

15. Chorus: Why do we have to keep being told the story of Jesus?

16. Why is it important to write it on our heart?

17. How is the story precious and sweet to you?