

# Questions God Asks: Adam, where are you?

(Genesis 3:1-13)



A Lenten Series on  
The Questions God Asks His people.

*But the LORD God called to the man and said to him,  
“Where are you?”*

(Gen 3:9)

## + Call to Worship +

- P** If we confess our sins,  
**C** **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** When I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- C** **I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C** **Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**
- P** Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;
- C** **according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## + Confession and Forgiveness +

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come before your presence tonight, we  
confess that we have daily sinned against you in thought, word, and  
deed. Remember our frailty. And forgive us for taking advantage of  
your goodness; and for using your mercies as instruments to sin; and  
forgive us for being slow in seeking your fellowship. Come to us with  
grace and mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father, you have sent your Son into the world to seek and to  
save that which was lost. You don't desire the death of the wicked, but  
that they would turn from their wickedness and live. We praise you for  
calling us by name in our baptisms. Thank you for calling us to be your  
chosen people. And for bringing us into your church where you daily  
and richly forgive us our sins. Give us confidence and strength in  
knowing that we are your people, cherished, loved, and forgiven  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## + Imposition of Ashes +

### + Hymn 610 +

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

### + Scripture Readings +

**Old Testament Reading:**

*Genesis 3:1–13*

**Epistle Reading:**

*2 Corinthians 5:20—6:10*

**Gospel Reading:**

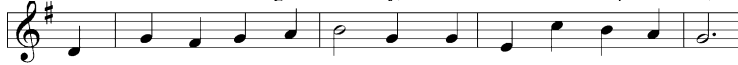
*Luke 7:26–50*

### + Hymn 915 +

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

### + Sermon +

*Title: Where are you?*

*Text: Genesis 3:1–13*

## + Hymn 609 +

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (vv.1-5)*

1. Jesus sinners doth receive;

Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

3. I, a sinner, come to Thee

With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

2. Sheep that from the fold did stray

No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

4. Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

## + Prayers +

### + Lord's Prayer +

### + Benediction +

## + Hymn 732 +

*All Depends on Our Possessing (vv.1-4)*



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.