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Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for Sunday,  
March 11, 2018

**Lord, Have Mercy\***  
**By Pepper Choplin**

Lord have mercy on my brother.  
Lord, have mercy on my sister.  
While I'm a-praying down on my knees,  
Lord, have mercy on me.

When we gather 'round a brother  
who is lyin' on a bed of pain,  
we're prayin', Lord, won't you lift him up  
and take his burden away.

For the children carin' for their parents,  
for the mother worry-in' 'bout her child,  
I'm prayin', Lord, won't you lift them up  
and give them peace for awhile.

I'm prayin' now, Lord, have-a mercy on the children.  
Lord, have mercy on the parents.  
Lord, I'm prayin' for all of these,  
O Lord, have-a mercy on me.

When I'm a-callin', "Lord, Lord,"  
I won't be callin' in vain.  
When the waters of trouble are risin' up,  
I'm callin' in your name!  
Hear me prayin' now.  
O Lord, have-a mercy on me.

A video of the spiritual can be seen at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlsqe6e5i7k>

You may need to cut and paste the link into your web browser in order to view the video

\*On the Sundays of this Lenten season, we will highlight the spirituals that will be a part of the worship service for that day. You are encouraged to reflect on the text and to make it your prayer as you prepare for worship.

## **Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

From *An Order for Compline*, from the Book of Common Prayer