

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Order of Worship (Evening Prayer, p. 243ff)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and the Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 421, "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

Service of Light (LSB p. 243, Spoken)

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C **and the day is almost over.**

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

Phos Hilaron (LSB p. 244, Spoken)

P Joyous light of glory:
C **of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the
sun, and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.**

Thanksgiving for Light (LSB p. 245, Spoken)

P Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (LSB p. 245-246, Spoken)

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

C **Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.**

P Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

C **But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Prayer (LSB p. 247)

P Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises

with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

A Hymn: LSB 728, "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester Text and tune: Public domain

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels: Gethsemane

Hebrews1:1-2a

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

The Sermon Hymn: "There Is A Green Hill Far Away" (AGPS #235)

Verse 1

There is a green hill far away
Outside a city wall
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all

Verse 2

We may not know we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there

Verse 3

He died that we might be forgiv'n
He died to make us good
That we might go at last to heav'n
Saved by His precious blood

Verse 4

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin
He only could unlock the gate
Of heav'n and let us in

Verse 5

O dearly dearly has He loved
And we must love Him too
And trust in His redeeming blood
And try His works to do

The Sermon: Luke 13:31-35. "Behold the Savior in His Boundless Love."

The Offering

A Hymn: LSB 748, "I'm But a Stranger Here"

1 I'm but a strang-er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There-fore I mur-mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des-ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil-grim-age, Heav'n is my home;
What-e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand;
And time's wild win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900 Text and tune: Public domain

The Prayers (LSB p. 249-251)

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For *[names of synodical and district presidents]*, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For *[name of president or monarch]*, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works, give
to us, Your servants, that peace which the
world cannot give, that our hearts may be
set to obey Your commandments and also
that we, being defended from the fear of
our enemies, may live in peace and
quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His
promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

The Benedicamus & Benediction (LSB p. 252)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the
Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 878, "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to
the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

Text and tune: Public domain

“Renewal” will be the focus of our Sunday services during the season of Lent and during Holy Week. I encourage you to make it your priority to sit at Jesus’ feet on a weekly (if not daily) basis during Lent as He renews and refreshes you through His Word and Sacraments.

- March 20 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Witness
- March 27 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of True Religion
- April 3 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Priorities
- April 10 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Godly Fear
- April 14 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Christian Unity
- April 15 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Faith
- April 17 – Easter: A Time for Renewal of Hope

Midweek Lenten Services

We will also have midweek Lenten services on March 23, 30, and April 6. These services will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

Holy Week Services

Reserve the following services on your calendar and plan to attend!

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•**Maundy
Thursday**
Holy

Communion): April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Good Friday:** April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday** (with Holy Communion): April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

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