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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Order of Worship (Vespers, p. 229)

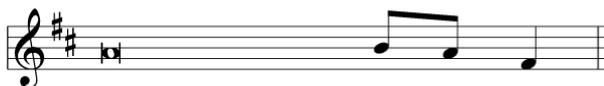
The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship and the Welcome

The Opening Versicles

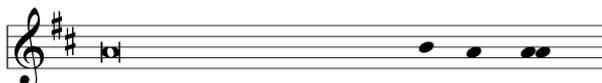
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

A Hymn: LSB 418, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, 1930
 Tune: The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635, Edinburgh
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The Psalm: Psalm 91:1-13 (Spoken responsively)

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

P: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

P: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C: Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

P: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place — the Most High, who is my refuge —

C: No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

ALL: 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.

The Lenten Scripture Reading: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels (No. 1, The Lord's Supper)

The Common Responsory for Lent *LSB p. 231*



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

A Hymn: LSB 424, "O Christ, You Walked the Road"



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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A Sermon: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written,
"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Offering (During the offering we will sing:
“Who Am I?” (Mark Hall/Casting Crowns)

Verse 1

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Verse 2

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me (**Pre-Chorus and Chorus**)

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The Canticle (Magnificat)

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense.

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

P: For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

P: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

ALL: **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.**

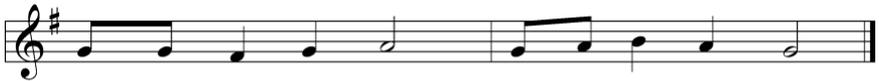
A Hymn: LSB 718, "Jesus, Lead Thou On"



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
 3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
 fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
 come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
 still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-protect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
 For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700-60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.
 Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701
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The Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

The Prayers

The Lord' Prayer

- 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 Prayer 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 Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB p. 234*

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 877, "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
 △ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
 But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
 And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

Text (st. 1): Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.; (sts. 2, 4): William Mercer, 1811–73, alt.; (st. 3): Richard Whately, 1787–1863, alt.
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“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 13 – Lent: A Time for Renewal of Obedience
- 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 16, 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!

- **Maundy Thursday** (with 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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