

Fifth Wednesday of Lent

April 9, 2025

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Vespers

Welcome

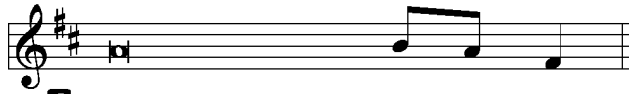
Choral Offering

Handbell Choir

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Stand

L O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver 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.



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

Psalm

from Psalm 51

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

C **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow; in His quiver He hid me away. ³And He said to me, "You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, He who formed me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him; and that Israel might be gathered to Him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶He says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Offering

Children's Choir

What Wondrous Love Is This and Hear Our Prayer

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:1-12

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works." ⁵And again in this passage He said, "They shall not enter My rest."

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again He appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.


P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Hymn of Preparation

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:23–27

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but He was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶And He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey Him?"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory for Lent

- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



Refrain

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

- L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.



Refrain

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

- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.



Refrain

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

Sit

Sermon

Office Hymn

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;
7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -
All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was
To do Thy will shall be my sole en -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
her - it, This I do mer - it.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.
try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.
deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.

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Offering

(We ask ALL members and visitors to take a card, fill out the appropriate Member or Visitor side and mark if you are attending Communion if this is a Communion Service. You may place your completed card in the offering plate.)

Stand

Lord's 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.

(Special prayers may be offered at this time)

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You speak, and the dead rise to life. Give us faith, that we may glorify You, setting aside fleeting things, walking instead in newness of life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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Silent Prayer

Sit

Announcements



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