

# Lenten Midweek

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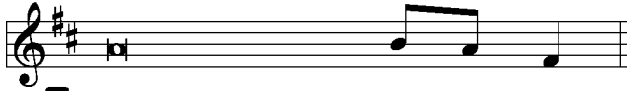
✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

Vespers

## Welcome

*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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 1:13-22*

Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*2 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

**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**

*Luke 9:51-62*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

- 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

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!  
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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** Gracious God, when life seems cruel and the going gets real rough, empower us to surrender to your loving will, even as we say, "Blessed be the name of the LORD;" through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## Silent Prayer

*Sit*

## Announcements



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