

Midday Lenten Worship
February 28, 2024 – 12 Noon



Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, draw our hearts and minds to you that we may come before you, and worship you in spirit and in truth. Help us to follow where you are leading in this Lenten season: to the cross and to resurrection. Amen.



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Selections for the Lenten Season

Welcome

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
G have mercy and hear us.

G 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.

G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents over disaster.** *(Joel 2:13)*

P Jesus said: If anyone would come after me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** *(Matthew 16:24)*

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.** *(Isaiah 53:5)*

P Let us pray:
Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:6-15

Now at the feast he [Pontius Pilate] used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸ And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹ And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³ And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged^[a] Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LSB 440, stanza 2)

2 Make me see Your great dis-tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,

Bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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 Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615
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Meditation

Prayer

Other petitions may be offered, concluding with this prayer:

P Gracious Lord Jesus, who at this hour bore our sins in your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness, have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death. Grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and by your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Distribution Music

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Dismissal

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray:

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you gave your Son both as the atoning sacrifice for our sin; and the model of the godly life. Enable us always to receive him with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his, that we may abide in faith unto the day of his coming; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

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.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" (LSB 421, stanza 2)

2 Should some lust or sharp tempt - a - tion Fas - ci - nate my
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.

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Lent 2024 Worship Schedule

NOTE: livestreaming available for service times with a *

Sundays, Lenten Worship Services

10:30AM* - Holy Communion

March 3, 10, 17, and 24

Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship

Noon* - Holy Communion

March 6, 13, 20, and 27

Thursdays, Lenten Bible Study with Compline

7:45PM - Zoom Class online ONLY (not recorded)

February 29, March 7, 14, and 21

Sunday, March 24

10:30AM* - Palm/Passion Sunday

(Holy Communion)

Thursday, March 28

7:30PM* - Maundy Thursday

(Holy Communion and stripping of the altar)

Friday, March 29

Noon* & 7:30PM - Good Friday

(No Communion)

Saturday, March 30

7:30PM - Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter

(Holy Communion)

Sunday, March 31

8:00AM & 10:30AM* - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

(Holy Communion)

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between worship services



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