

Midday Lenten Worship

March 20, 2024 – 12 Noon



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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:
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 15:33-41

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

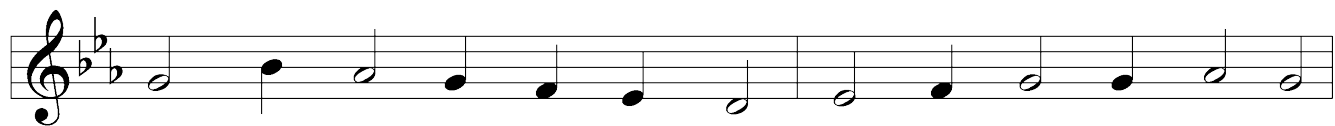
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

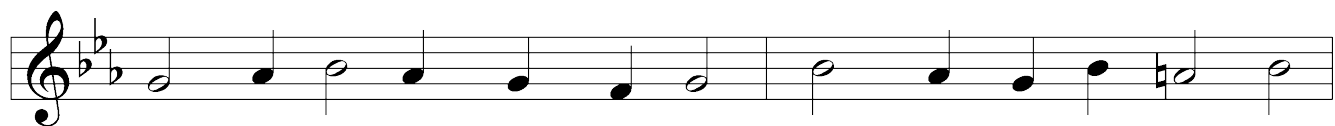
"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LSB 440, stanza 5)



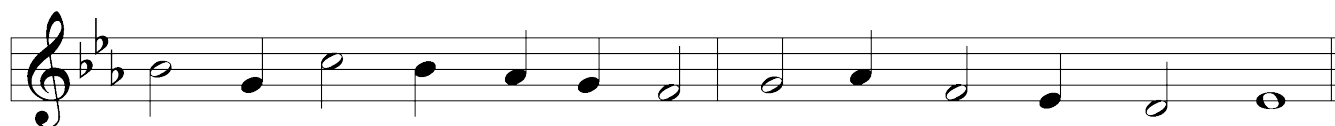
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con-science grieve me,



Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con-science give me.



Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.



If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

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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.

C **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.

C **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

C 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.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” (LSB 421, stanza 5)

5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Lent 2024 Worship Schedule

NOTE: livestreaming available for service times with a *

Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship

Noon* - Holy Communion
March 27

Thursdays, Lenten Bible Study with Compline

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