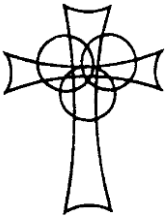




*Lenten Midweek Vespers 2022*  
**Places of the Passion – The Palace of the High Priest**

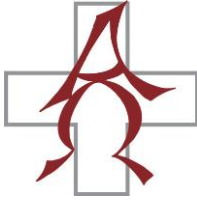
The Fourth Wednesday of Lent  
March 23, 2022



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## The Office of Vespers in the Season of Lent

*Lutheran Service Book Page 229ff*

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

*A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:*

*Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Your holy Name; cleanse my heart of any worthless, evil, or distracting thoughts; enlighten my understanding; give me wisdom and love necessary to pray with attention, reverence, and devotion. Father, let my prayer be heard in Your presence, for it is offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 423*

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

*Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.*

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The Opening Versicles and *Gloria Patri*:

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
  
- C** **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.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

✠ The Psalmody ✠

The Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 109:1-8, 16, 21-22, 25-31; antiphon: verse 26*

- P** <sup>Ant.</sup> Help me, O LORD my God!  
 Save me according to your steadfast love!
- <sup>1</sup> Be not silent, O God of my praise!
- <sup>2</sup> For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me,  
 speaking against me with lying tongues.
- C** <sup>3</sup> **They encircle me with words of hate,**  
**and attack me without cause.**
  
- P** <sup>4</sup> In return for my love they accuse me,  
 but I give myself to prayer.
- C** <sup>5</sup> **So they reward me evil for good,**  
**and hatred for my love.**

**P** <sup>6</sup>Appoint a wicked man against him;  
let an accuser stand at his right hand.

**C** <sup>7</sup>**When he is tried, let him come forth guilty;  
let his prayer be counted as sin!**

**P** <sup>8</sup>May his days be few;  
may another take his office! ...

**C** <sup>16</sup>**For he did not remember to show kindness,  
but pursued the poor and needy  
and the brokenhearted, to put them to death. ...**

**P** <sup>21</sup>But you, O GOD my Lord,  
deal on my behalf for your name's sake;  
because your steadfast love is good, deliver me!

**C** <sup>22</sup>**For I am poor and needy,  
and my heart is stricken within me. ...**

**P** <sup>25</sup>I am an object of scorn to my accusers;  
when they see me, they wag their heads.

**C** <sup>26</sup>**Help me, O LORD my God!  
Save me according to your steadfast love!**

**P** <sup>27</sup>Let them know that this is your hand;  
you, O LORD, have done it!

**C** <sup>28</sup>**Let them curse, but you will bless!  
They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad!**

**P** <sup>29</sup>May my accusers be clothed with dishonor;  
may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!

**C** <sup>30</sup>**With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD;  
I will praise him in the midst of the throng.**

**P** <sup>31</sup>For he stands at the right hand of the needy,  
to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.

**C** **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.**

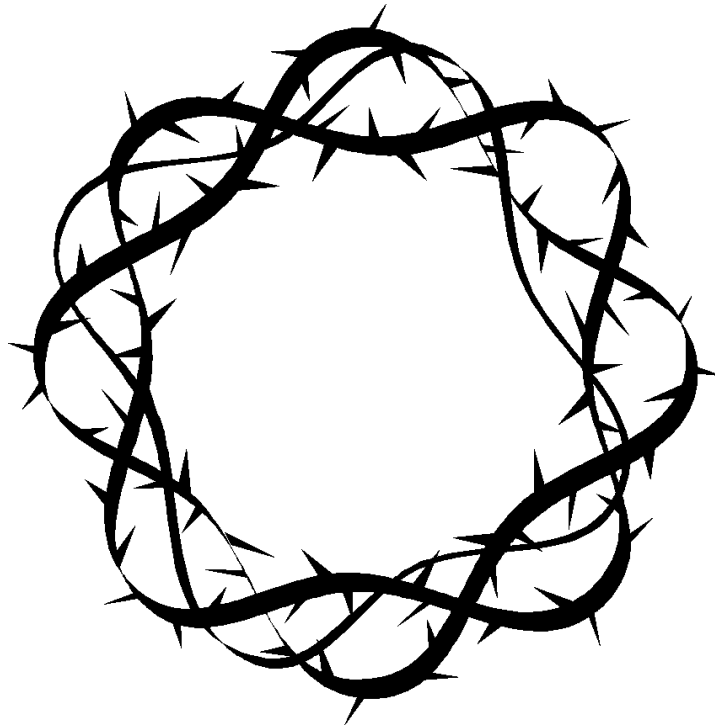
**P** <sup>Ant.</sup>Help me, O LORD my God!  
Save me according to your steadfast love!

*Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word*

**P** Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, on the cross Your Son forgave His enemies. Turn us from hatred and evil, that we may forgive the offenses of others as we have been forgiven by You; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.



The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 451

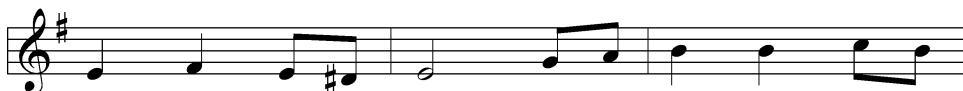
“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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✂ **The Service of the Word** ✂

The Reading

The Passion History of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
according to the Four Evangelists  
Part 3: The Palace of the High Priest

Those who had arrested Jesus brought him to the high priest's house, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Peter followed him afar off, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So that other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in. He went in and sat with the servants to see the end. He was warming himself at the fire they had kindled in the middle of the courtyard.

Meanwhile, the chief priests and the whole council were seeking evidence that might make the case for a death sentence, but they could not find any. Many bore false witness against him, but their statements did not agree. Two stepped forward and said, "We heard him say, 'I shall destroy this temple made with hands and after three days I shall build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their evidence did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up, moved to the center, and put this question to Jesus, "Do you have no answer? What is this evidence they have given against you?" But he was silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest put a question to him and said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

Jesus said, "I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God's power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his garments and said, "Do we still need any witnesses? You have heard this blasphemy. What is your opinion?" They all agreed that he was deserving of death.

Then some of them began to spit on him; they blindfolded him, struck him, and said to him, "Prophecy to us, O Christ, who is it that struck you?" The guards beat him as they took him away.

Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maidservants of the high priest came and saw Peter warming himself. She looked at him closely as he sat in the light of the fire, and said, "You also were along with the man from Nazareth, that Jesus."

Peter denied it and said, “I do not know what you mean.” He went out to the forecourt. Another maidservant saw him there and said to those who were standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Peter denied it again with an oath, “I do not know the man.”

A little later those standing around said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them. You are a Galilean. Your accent gives you away.”

Peter started calling down curses on himself and swore, “I do not know the man.”

And immediately while he was still speaking, the cock crowed a second time, and the Lord turned and looked on Peter. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” Peter broke down, and went out, and wept bitterly.

As soon as it was morning the chief priests with the elders and the scribes held the court session with all the Sanhedrin. Then they bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Then Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, was sorry and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.”

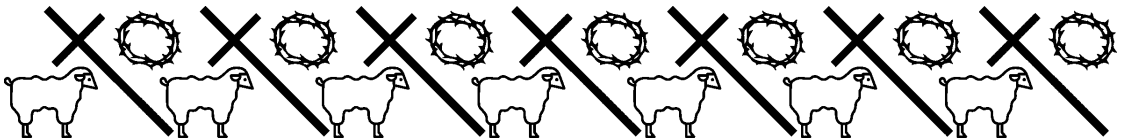
They said, “What is that to us? That is your affair.” Judas threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed. He went and hanged himself.

The chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” They took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field to bury strangers in. That is why to this day that field has been called “the field of blood.”

In this way was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by the children of Israel, and gave them for the potter’s field.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.





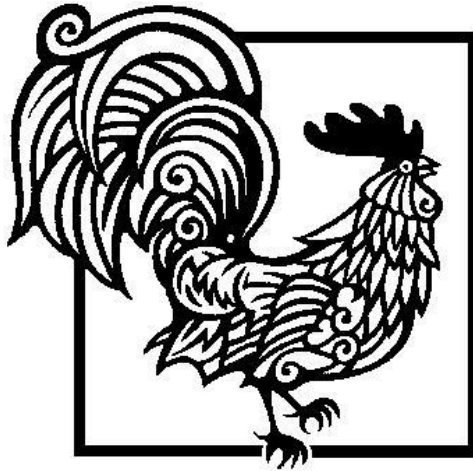
The Responsory for Lent:

- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

The Sermon

Places of the Passion:

The Palace of the High Priest—A Place of Denial



✠ The Canticle ✠

*The Congregation rises.*

The Canticle at Vespers: *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46b-55; antiphon: 2 Corinthians 6:2c*

- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** **behold, now is the day of salvation.**
- 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.  
**C** **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.**
- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** **behold, now is the day of salvation.**

✠ The Prayers ✠

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**

The 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.

The Salutation and Collects:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*The Collect for the Third Week in Lent:*

**P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Collect for the Lenten Season:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Other Prayers and Intercessions may be offered.*

*The Collect of Intercession:*

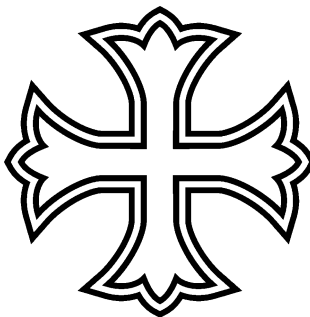
- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and be present with all, for Your love's sake.
- C** **Amen.**

*The Collect 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 Blessing:

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



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 878

“Abide with Me”



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!  
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Dismissal:

**P** Let us go in peace.

**C** **In the Name of the Lord. Amen.**

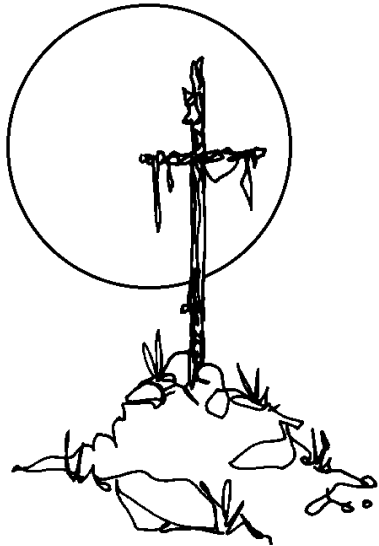
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**The Sacred Season of Lent 2022**  
**Places of the Passion**

You are invited during these Lenten days to walk with Our Lord Jesus in traveling on the way of His Passion. Our Midweek Services will lead us to reflect on these places and the events which took place there through our hearing of the Passion History as drawn from the accounts of the Four Evangelists.

Services will be held in person at Trinity as well as being livestreamed on our church Facebook Page. The videos will also be available for viewing at any time following the live service.

**Wednesday Evenings During Lent**  
7:00 PM      Lenten Vespers

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| March 23 | The Palace of the High Priest |
| March 30 | The Praetorium                |
| April 6  | Calvary                       |



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