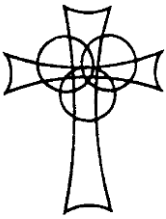


Christ Jesus came  
into the world to  
save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15, NRSV



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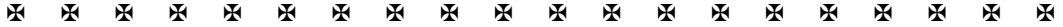


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*Lenten Midweek Vespers 2023*  
**Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace**

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent  
March 29, 2023



**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 # 433*

“Glory Be to Jesus”



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high,  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood!

*Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.*

*Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76*

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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 103:8-19; antiphon: verse 14*

**P** <sup>Ant.</sup>For he knows our frame;  
 he remembers that we are dust.

**P** <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C** <sup>9</sup>**He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

**P** <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**C** <sup>11</sup>**For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**P** <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**C** <sup>13</sup>**As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

**P** <sup>14</sup>For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

**C** <sup>15</sup>**As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

**P** <sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

**C** <sup>17</sup>**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who  
fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,**

**P** <sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

**C** <sup>19</sup>**The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.**

**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>For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Father of light, we praise You because You forgive iniquity and do not reward us according to our sins. What You have promised to the fathers You have fulfilled in Your Son. As the east and the west can never come together, so remove our sins far from us, that they can be accounted to us no more, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

The Office Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 611*

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

✘ **The Service of the Word** ✘

The First Reading

*Micah 7:18-20*

**P** A reading from Micah, chapter 7.

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.

<sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

<sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

**P** A reading from 1 Timothy, chapter 1.

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Third Reading

*Mark 2:13-20*

**P** A reading from Mark, chapter 2.

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus] went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup>And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>15</sup>And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup>And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup>And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup>Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup>The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

## 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

Chronicles of God’s Amazing Grace  
 Paul: Grace for the Wretched  
 Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-17



✠ 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 Fifth Week in Lent:*

**P** 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.

*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:*

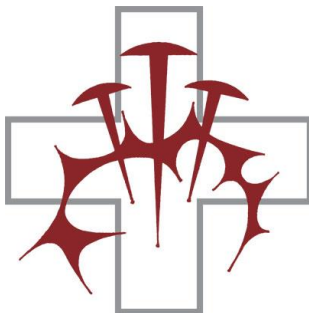
- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and be present with all, for Your love's 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 # 427

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67

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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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## Lenten Worship at Trinity – 2023

### *Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace*

*Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM*

*Thursday and Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM*



#### The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, and the celebration of Holy Communion

The Crowd: Grace for the Loveless – Matthew 27:15-26

#### Holy (Maundy) Thursday – April 6, 2023

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution, the celebration of Holy Communion on the anniversary of its institution, and the Solemn Preparation of the Church for Good Friday

A Meal of Grace – Matthew 26:17-30

#### Good Friday – April 7, 2023

The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World

*Coup de Grace* – John 19:31-37

#### The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day – April 9, 2023

The Festival Divine Service with Hymns, Special Music, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of Holy Communion

Amazing Grace: Now and Forever – Colossians 3:1-4