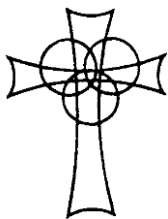




*On Him
we have set our hope*

2 Corinthians 1:10



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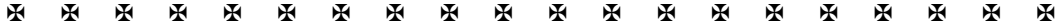


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Lenten Midweek Vespers 2024
Guided to the Cross

The Second Wednesday of Lent
February 21, 2024



The Office of Vespers
in the Season of Lent

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✕ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✕

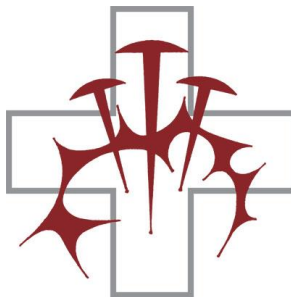


A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:

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

The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 155

“Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing”



1 Sweet the mo-ments, rich in bless-ing, Which be-fore the cross we spend,
 2 Here we rest in won-der, view-ing All our sins on Je-sus laid;
 3 Here we find the dawn of heav-en While up-on the cross we gaze,
 4 Oh, that, near the cross a-bid-ing, We may to the Sav-ior cleave,



Life and health and peace pos-sess-ing From the sin-ners' dy-ing Friend.
 Here we see re-demp-tion flow-ing From the sac-ri-fice He made.
 See our tres-pass-es for-giv-en, And our songs of tri-umph raise.
 Naught with Him our hearts di-vid-ing, All for Him con-tent to leave!

5 Lord, in loving contemplation
 Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
 Till we taste Thy full salvation
 And we unveiled glory see.

Text: Walter Shirley, 1770, alt.

Tune: Musikalischer Christenschatz, Basel, 1745

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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 130; antiphon: verse 5

P *Ant.* I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

¹Out of the depths
I cry to you, O LORD!

C ²**O Lord, hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

C ⁴**But with you there is forgiveness,**
that you may be feared.

P ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

C ⁶**my soul waits for the Lord**
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

P ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

C ⁸**And he will redeem Israel**
from all his iniquities.

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 *Ant.* I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word

P Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, with whom is grace and much forgiveness, be merciful to us who were born in sin and fall short every day. Forgive us our many transgressions and account them against us no more, but make us Your heirs through Him who was delivered into death for our offenses and raised again for our justification, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 575

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901

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✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The First Reading

Jeremiah 14:19-22

P A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 14.

¹⁹Have you utterly rejected Judah?

Does your soul loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down

so that there is no healing for us?

We looked for peace, but no good came;

for a time of healing, but behold, terror.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,

and the iniquity of our fathers,

for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;

do not dishonor your glorious throne;

remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain?

Or can the heavens give showers?

Are you not he, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you,

for you do all these things.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-10

P A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 1.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who 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.

⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶If 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. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

⁸For 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. ⁹Indeed, 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. ¹⁰He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Third Reading

Luke 23:39-43

P A reading from Luke, chapter 23.

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at [Jesus], saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Guided to the Cross

Guided to Hope

Text: 2 Corinthians 1:10

✠ 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 First Week in Lent:

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 # 889

“Before the Ending of the Day”



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
 2 From all the ter - rors of the night, From e - vil dreams de -
 △ 3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, Thine



world, we pray! Thy grace and peace to us al - low
 fend our sight; Drive far a - way our wick - ed foe
 on - ly Son, Who with the Ho - ly Ghost and Thee



And be our guard and keep - er now.
 That stain of sin we may not know.
 Both lives and reigns e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

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