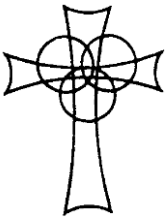


He Himself bore our sins
in His body on the tree,
that we might die to sin
and live to righteousness.

By His
wounds
you have
been healed.

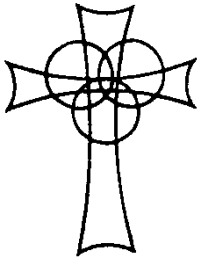
1 Peter 2:24



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Lenten Midweek Vespers 2025
Jesus—Savior, Servant, Friend

The Second Wednesday of Lent
March 12, 2025



**The Office of Vespers
in the Season of Lent**

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✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

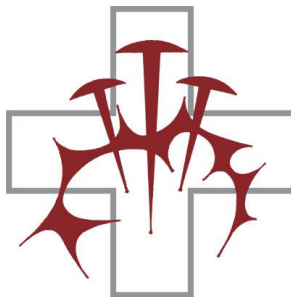


A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:

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.

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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 30; antiphon: verse 2

P ^{Am}O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C ²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

P ³O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C ⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

P ⁵For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

C ⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

P ⁷By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

C ⁸**To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

P ⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

C ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”**

P ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,

C ¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you 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 ^{Ant}O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word

P Let us pray.
Loving God, glorious in giving and restoring life, do not hide Your face from Your
people overcome with loneliness and fear. Turn our weeping into dancing, our despair
into joy, and raise us up with Christ, that we may rejoice in Your presence forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 435

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

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✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The First Reading

Malachi 4:1-3

P A reading from Malachi, chapter 4.

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:21-25

P A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.



The Third Reading

Matthew 8:14-17

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 8.

¹⁴And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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.

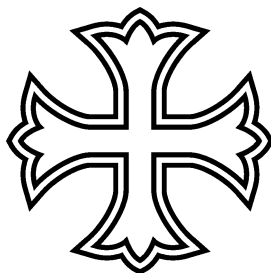
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

The Sermon

Jesus—Savior, Servant, Friend

Jesus, Our Healer

Text: 2 Peter 2:23-25



✠ 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 -
 Δ 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.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements



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Jesus, Our Listener – 1 John 5:13-15

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 26, 2025

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Jesus, Our Encourager – Matthew 8:5-13

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – April 2, 2025

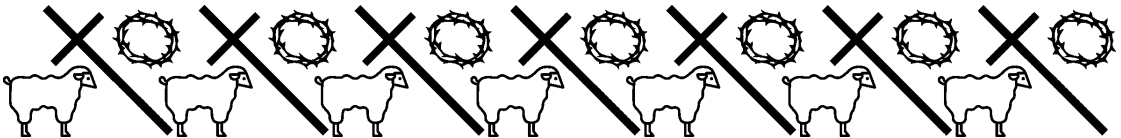
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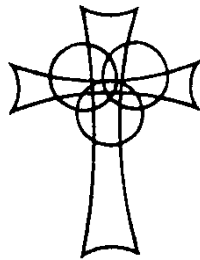
Jesus, Our Protector – John 14:18-27

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – April 9, 2025

Lenten Vespers

Jesus, Our Comforter – John 11:17-27





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