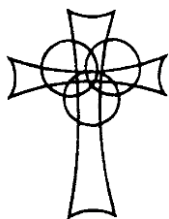




I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give you.

John 14:27



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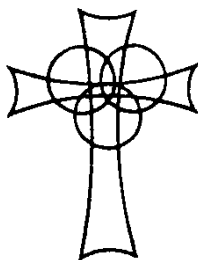
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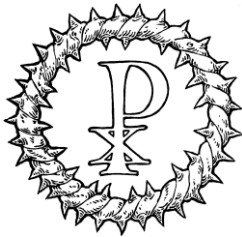
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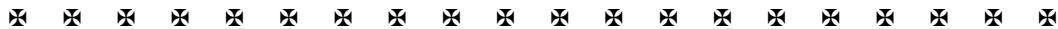
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Lenten Midweek Vespers 2025
Jesus—Savior, Servant, Friend

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent
April 2, 2025



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

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✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

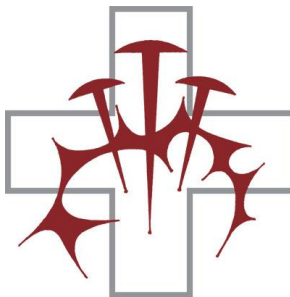


A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:

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

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!

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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 20; antiphon: verse 2

- [P]** *Ant* May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!
- ¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- [C]** ²**May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!**
- [P]** ³May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!
- [C]** ⁴**May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!**
- [P]** ⁵May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
- [C]** ⁶**Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.**
- [P]** ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- [C]** ⁸**They collapse and fall,
but we rise and stand upright.**
- [P]** ⁹O LORD, save the king!
May he answer us when we call.
- [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* May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You gave victory to Christ, Your Anointed One. Answer us when we call to You. Lift us from reliance on our own securities, that we may put all our trust in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 524

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my

heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:14-16

P A reading from Zechariah, chapter 9.

¹⁴Then the LORD will appear over them,
and his arrow will go forth like lightning;
the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet
and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.
¹⁵The LORD of hosts will protect them,
and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones,
and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine,
and be full like a bowl,
drenched like the corners of the altar.
¹⁶On that day the LORD their God will save them,
as the flock of his people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

P A reading from 2 Thessalonians, chapter 3.

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Third Reading

*John 14:18-27***P** A reading from John, chapter 14.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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 Protector

Text: John 14:18-27

✠ 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 Fourth Week in Lent:

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 # 880

“Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow”



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,
 2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in
 4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your
 5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.
 rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;
 star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
 But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our
 And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish
 Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
 Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.
 be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
 tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements



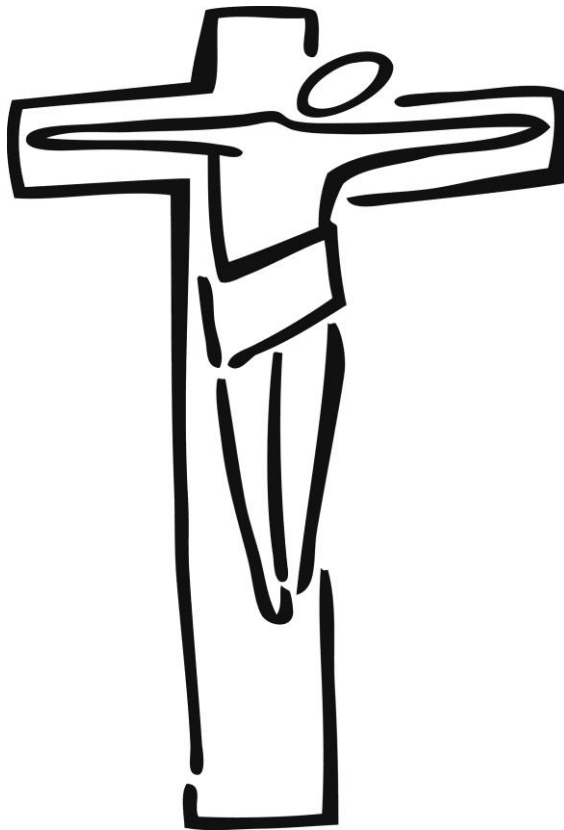
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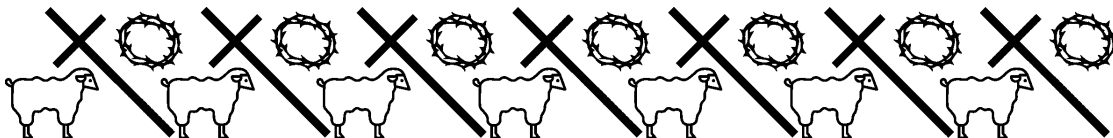
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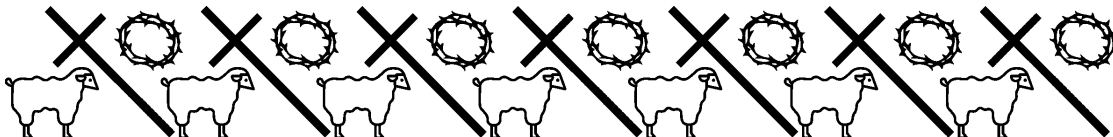
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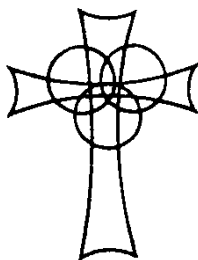
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Lenten Vespers

Jesus, Our Comforter – John 11:17-27





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