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Lent Noon Responsive Prayer..... Hope through Christ

Note: The service is spoken. The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion.

THE OPENING VERSICLE

Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
have mercy and hear us.

THE PSALMODY: PSALM 22:1-11 (ANTIPHON V. 4)

In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts.

On You was I cast from My birth, and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

Be not far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word: 1 Peter 1:1–16

Response after the reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 440, STANZAS 1, 4–6

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| 1 | Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish. | 2 | Grant that I Your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure? |
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3 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

4 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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The Consecration

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

The Holy Communion

> All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ present and absent, for those in need, for your own family and friends, and for yourselves. <

THE AFTERNOON LITANY

I cry to You, O Lord;

in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

My mouth is filled with Your praise,
and with Your glory all the day.

Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

He redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to You.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY AND AFTERNOON COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose Your servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Grant that Your Church, ever preserved from false teachers, may be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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, our Lord. Amen.

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory
Organist: Judy Greenlees

Wednesdays in Lent

February 24: 1 Peter 1:1–16 • March 3: 1 Peter 1:13–2:10 • March 10: 1 Peter 2:11–3:7
March 17: 1 Peter 3:8–4:11 • March 24: 1 Peter 4:12–5:14

Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm, both with Holy Communion.
Bible study begins an hour before service, at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.