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Lent Noon Responsive Prayer..... Hope with Holiness of Life

Note: The liturgy 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 118:4-17 (ANTIPHON VV. 22-23)

The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;

in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns;

in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

*"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"*

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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.

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This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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 1:13–2:10

Response after the reading:
 O Lord, have mercy on us.
 Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 563

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| <p>1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
 My beauty are, my glorious dress;
 Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
 With joy shall I lift up my head.</p> | <p>3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
 Which at the mercy seat of God
 Pleads for the captives' liberty,
 Was also shed in love for me.</p> |
| <p>2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
 Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
 Fully absolved through these I am
 From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.</p> | <p>4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore,
 Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
 For all a full atonement made.</p> |

5 **When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

6 **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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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

*Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us Your salvation.*

*Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
and let Your saints shout for joy.*

*Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!*

*For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY AND AFTERNOON COLLECT

Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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.