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Lent Noon Responsive Prayer.....Holy Bodies: Holy Bride

The liturgy is spoken.

THE OPENING VERSICLE

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

THE PSALMODY: PSALM 45:6-17 (ANTIPHON vv. 10b-11a)

Forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness

beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:

forget your people and your father's house,

and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.

With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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.

Forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty.

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: Ephesians 5:25–33 & Luke 23:44–56

Please remain seated for both readings. The response after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

HYMN—TUNE: LSB 563—TEXT: RMH

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| <p>1 O wounded Bridegroom throned above,
Is there no end to saving love?
Can You not wait to meet us there?
Must You come join Your poor bride here?</p> <p>2 The King-Messiah, David's Son,
And greater far than Solomon,
Comes to His garden from above
And speaks His mighty vows of love:</p> | <p>3 "This is My body; I am thine.
This is My blood, for thou art Mine.
Take, eat and drink the living food,
Our wedding cov'nant in My blood."</p> <p>4 And here the Wedding Feast we view:
All else we leave and cleave to You.
Our sinning and our death are Yours;
Your holiness and life are ours.</p> <p>5 Now, blessed Bridegroom, here we meet
And taste Your love and share Your name
Till morning comes and we shall eat
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.</p> |
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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. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 644

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| <p>1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.</p> | <p>3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.</p> |
| <p>2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.</p> | <p>4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.</p> |
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.**

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

Organist: Judy Greenlees

*A special "thank you" to our three young organists—Mary Gregory, Marta Gregory, and Lazarus Gregory—
who played during Holy Communion at our Lenten noon services
as well as to the two acolytes—Lazarus Gregory and Simeon Gregory—who have helped with these services.*
