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Lent Noon Responsive Prayer..... The Lamentations of Zion

## THE OPENING VERSICLE

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

## THE PSALMODY: PSALM 6 (ANTIPHON V. 9)

*The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.*

*O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath.*

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;  
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**

*My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long?*

**Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.**

*For in death there is no remembrance of You; in Sheol who will give You praise?*

**I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.**

*My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.*

**Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**

*The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.*

**All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;  
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

**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.**

*The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.*

## 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: Lamentations 1 & Luke 23:32–38*

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

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon*

*Lamentations 1: The Misery of Fallen Zion*

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 440, STANZAS 1–2, 4, 6

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| <p><b>1 Jesus, I will ponder now<br/>On Your holy passion;<br/>With Your Spirit me endow<br/>For such meditation.<br/>Grant that I in love and faith<br/>May the image cherish<br/>Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death<br/>That I may not perish.</b></p> <p><b>2 Make me see Your great distress,<br/>Anguish, and affliction,<br/>Bonds and stripes and wretchedness<br/>And Your crucifixion;<br/>Make me see how scourge and rod,<br/>Spear and nails did wound You,<br/>How for them You died, O God,<br/>Who with thorns had crowned You.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Grant that I Your passion view<br/>With repentant grieving.<br/>Let me not bring shame to You<br/>By unholy living.<br/>How could I refuse to shun<br/>Ev'ry sinful pleasure<br/>Since for me God's only Son<br/>Suffered without measure?</b></p> <p><b>4 Graciously my faith renew;<br/>Help me bear my crosses,<br/>Learning humbleness from You,<br/>Peace mid pain and losses.<br/>May I give You love for love!<br/>Hear me, O my Savior,<br/>That I may in heav'n above<br/>Sing Your praise forever.</b></p> |
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*The Words of Institution*

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.*

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

*Let us pray. Holy Father, at Your Son's invitation, we come to His table. Help us to discern in the bread His true body and in the cup His true blood. Give us, by Your holy law, a right judgment of ourselves, that lamenting our sins we would receive pardon and absolution in this Most Holy Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

***The Holy Communion***

*> All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed about the institution, nature, benefit, and proper reception of this Sacrament. Those who haven't been instructed may come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the church office. <*

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 WEEK & THE NOONTIME COLLECT

*Let us pray. 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.**

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 420, STANZAS 1–3

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| <p><b>1 Christ, the life of all the living,<br/>Christ, the death of death, our foe,<br/>Who, Thyself for me once giving<br/>To the darkest depths of woe:<br/>Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit<br/>I eternal life inherit.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</b></p> | <p><b>2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee<br/>Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;<br/>Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,<br/>O Thou sinless Son of God!<br/>Thus didst Thou my soul deliver<br/>From the bonds of sin forever.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 Thou hast borne the smiting only<br/>That my wounds might all be whole;<br/>Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,<br/>Rest to give my weary soul;<br/>Yea, the curse of God enduring,<br/>Blessing unto me securing.<br/>Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</b></p>          |  |

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

Organist: Judy Greenlees

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### **Wednesdays in Lent: The Lamentations of Zion**

March 1: Lamentations 1; Luke 23:32–38 • March 8: Lamentations 2; Luke 23:39–43  
March 15: Lamentations 3; Mark 15:16–20, 27–34 • March 22: Lamentations 4; Luke 23:44–49  
March 29: Lamentations 5; Matthew 27:45–50, 57–61

*Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm • Supper at 6:00 pm*