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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 25:1–10 (ANTIPHON V. 7)

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep His covenant and his testimonies.

**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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according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

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 2 & Luke 23:39–43

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

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Lamentations 2: The Felling of Majestic Zion

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 610

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.</p> | <p>3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!</p> |
| <p>2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.</p> | <p>4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.</p> |
| <p>5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may th'eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.</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 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.

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 420, STANZAS 4–7

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| <p>4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
 Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> <p>7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.</p> |
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Organist: Judy Greenlees

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