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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 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:

Please remain seated for the readings.

Lamentations 3:1-18

RESPONSIVE READING: LAMENTATIONS 3:19-33

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;
let him put his mouth in the dust — there may yet be hope;
let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not cast off forever,

but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion
according to the abundance of His steadfast love;
for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

Lamentations 3:34–66 & Mark 15:16–20, 27–34

The response after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Lamentations 3: The Suffering Servant of Zion

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 423

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| <p>1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
 Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
 Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
 Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
 You have borne the pain of all.</p> | <p>2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
 Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
 See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
 Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
 Calms the sinner's deep distress.</p> |
| <p>3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
 With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
 To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
 From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
 Dwell the cross, the Crucified.</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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 439, STANZAS 1–5

- 1 **O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?**
- 2 **They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; they crucify Thee.**
- 3 **Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit, this I do merit.**
- 4 **What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.**
- 5 **The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted; God is committed.**

Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

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