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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 31:9–16 (ANTIPHON V. 5)

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

*Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.*

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

*Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.*

I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

*For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.*

But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

**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.**

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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 4 & Luke 23:44–49

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

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Lamentations 4: The Desecration of Holy Zion

HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 451

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| <p>1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.</p> <p>2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.</p> | <p>3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.</p> <p>4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.</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. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 544, STANZAS 1-5

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| <p>1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!</p> <p>2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.</p> | <p>3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.</p> <p>4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.</p> <p>5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.</p> |
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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