

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Vespers

The Fifth Wednesday in Lent

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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

Prayer for the Fifth Wednesday in Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, bring us closer to Your cross as we approach the end of this Lenten season so that we might know how much You loved us and gave Yourself for us. Enlighten us so that we may see by faith that You, the Holy One, were judged a criminal by unholy men for us: You suffered the whiplashes of angry men as our sinless Savior, You stumbled under the cross as our Suffering Servant, and You died as the Lamb of God in our stead and for our sake. Help us to hear in Your prayer on the cross the single purpose for which You endured pain, suffering, and death; "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Amen.



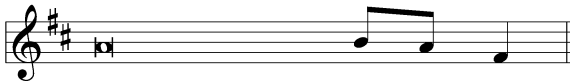
422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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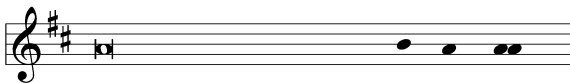
Lent Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Sit



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:26–28

Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain
is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
It is not good to eat much honey,
nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory.
A man without self-control
is like a city broken into and left without walls.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 7:14–20

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:69–75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the entrance, another

servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8



L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.



C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.

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421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Sermon

"Self-control from the Passion of Christ"

Text: Matthew 26:69-75

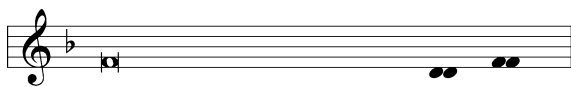
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Canticle

Antiphon

Psalm 141:2



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



G and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



G My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the

imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the

might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.

I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy

as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

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Offering

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Prayer

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

G Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Introduction to Collects

Psalm 102:1



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty everlasting God, whose Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death, strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we hold fast the hope that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Additional Collects

Collect for Peace

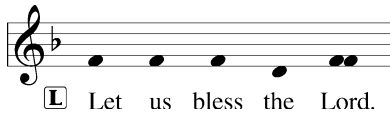
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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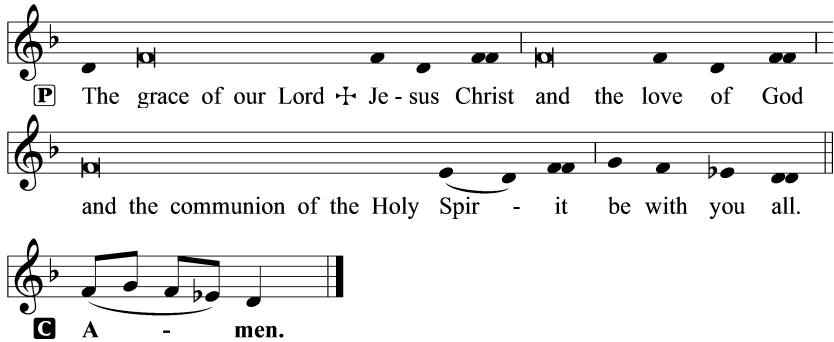
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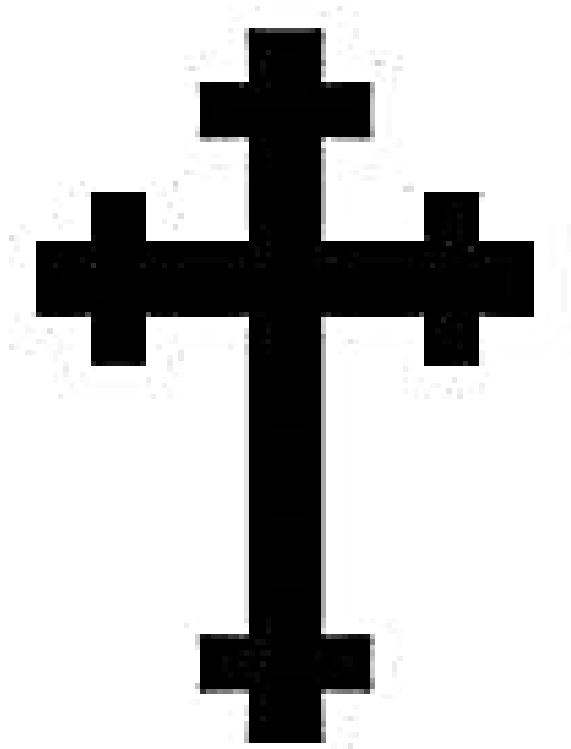
Psalm 103:1



Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14





Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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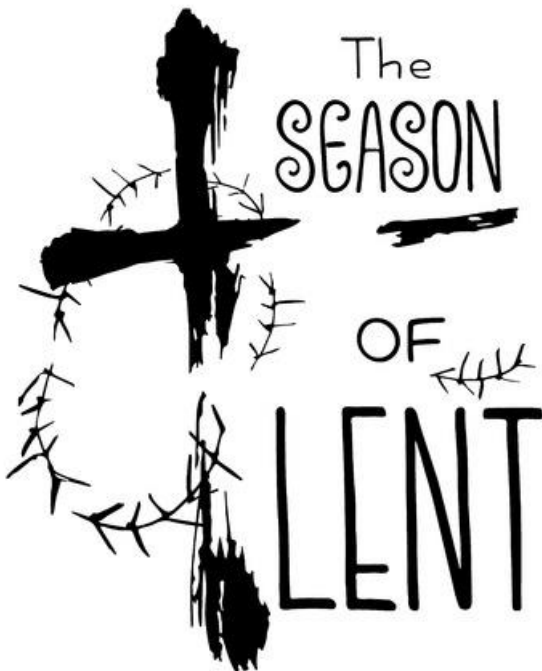
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Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



A man without
SELF-CONTROL
is like a **CITY**
broken into
and left
WITHOUT
WALLS.

(Proverbs 25:28)