

## Lent Service 2

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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(Stand)

### OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 285

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### PSALM *(Spoken by half verse)*

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 14

<sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,\*

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be | put to shame;\*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*

teach me | your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*

for you I wait all the | day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love;\*

for they have been | from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in | what is right;\*

and teaches the humble | his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness;\*

for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

(Sit)

### READING OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

#### READING

Exodus 20:1–21

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

<sup>18</sup>Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." <sup>21</sup>The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

## **HYMN 581 THESE ARE THE HOLY TEN COMMANDS** sts.

1–3, 11–12

1 These are the holy Ten Commands  
God gave to us by Moses' hands  
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,  
Receiving them for our good.  
Have mercy, Lord!

2 "I am alone your God, the Lord;  
No other gods shall be adored.  
But you shall fully trust in Me  
And love Me wholeheartedly."  
Have mercy, Lord!

4 You shall observe the worship day  
That peace may fill your home, and pray,  
And put aside the work you do,  
So that God may work in you." Have mercy, Lord!

11 You have this Law to see therein  
That you have not been free from sin  
But also that you clearly see  
How pure toward God life should be.  
Have mercy, Lord!

12 Our works cannot salvation gain;  
They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,  
Who pleads for us endlessly.  
Have mercy, Lord!

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## **SERMON** The Third Commandment

## **OFFERING**

(Stand)

### **KYRIE**

LSB 285

**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## VERSICLES

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**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.  
**L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.  
**L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.  
**L** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.  
**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.  
**L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.  
**L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
**L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

- L** 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## EVENING

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 287

- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## BLESSING

LSB 287

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,

Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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