

**Lent Service 4**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

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*(Stand as the minister enters the sanctuary)*

**OPENING VERSICLES**

LSB 285

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

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

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

**G** 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 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
**and night to night reveals knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
**whose voice is not heard.**

<sup>4</sup>Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
**and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup>**which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his  
chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
**and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
**reviving the soul;**  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
**making wise the simple;**

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
**rejoicing the heart;**  
the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
**enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
**enduring forever;**  
the just decrees of the LORD are true,  
**and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
**even much fine gold;**

sweeter also than honey

**and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?

**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

**let them not have dominion over me!**

Then I shall be blameless,

**and innocent of great transgression.**

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,

**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**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.**

(Sit)

## **READING OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST**

### **READING MATTHEW 6:19-24**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

1, 8, 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!

8 "You shall not steal or take away  
What others worked for night and day,  
But open wide a gen'rous hand  
And help the poor in the land."  
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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## CATECHISM The Seventh Commandment

**You shall not steal.** *What does this mean?* **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

## SERMON The Seventh Commandment

## OFFERING

(Stand)

### KYRIE

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**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.  
**C** Amen.

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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C

**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects (Amen to each)

### EVENING PRAYER

- 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. Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS

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- 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.

(Sit)

# CLOSING HYMN 421 JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING

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