

Second Midweek in Lent
March 3, 2021

Opening Versicles

Psalm 92:1

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to herald Your love in the morning,
Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination.)

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

Scripture Readings read by the Mui family

Psalm 118:1-9

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

³ Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.

⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

Hebrews 6:13-20 **The Certainty of God’s Promise**

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Meditation: **“Steadfast Love”** (Psalm 118:1-9)

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Psalm 102:1; Psalm 17:8; Psalm 17:15

Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
In righteousness I shall see You;
when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

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.**

Benediction

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Hymn LSB 427:1-4 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Verse 1 – In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2 – When the woes of life o’er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3 – When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4 – Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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