

## Midweek Lent 3

March 6, 2024

7:00p

### Responsive Prayer 2 p. 285

#### 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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#### 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

Psalm 38:1-22

- L** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!
- C** For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.
- L** There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
- C** there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

- L** For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- C** My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,
- L** I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.
- C** For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- L** I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- C** O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.
- L** My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- C** My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.
- L** Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.
- C** But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
- L** I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
- C** But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
- L** For I said, “Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!” For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.
- C** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
- L** But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
- C** Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good.
- L** Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!
- C** Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

#### Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

#### Reading

1 Peter 3:18-21

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from

the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Matthew 28:18-20*

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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## Sermon

Theme: The Washing of Regeneration: Holy Baptism

Text: Matthew 28:18-20

## 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,  
2 Here the King of the a - ges,  
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!  
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,



Where the blood of Christ was shed,  
Throned in light ere worlds could be,  
O a ban - don - ment sub - lime!  
Where the blood of Christ was shed,



Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,  
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,  
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,  
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,



Per - fect God on thee has bled!  
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.  
All the suf - fer - ings of time!  
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

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## 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 everlasting. Amen.**

## Versicles

*LSB 286*

**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 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** Amen.

**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

*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.

## 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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