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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers.

Lenten 4 Vespers Service March 10, 2024

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*Hymns and content are from the Lutheran Service Book
Vespers*

Opening Hymn #439

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

*1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be
spoken?*

*Of what great crime hast Thou to make
confession,
What dark transgression?*

*2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite,
they scourge Thee;*

*With cruel mockings to the cross they urge
Thee;*

*They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry
Thee;*

They crucify Thee.

*14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not
disown it;*

*Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great
meekness*

Nor shame my weakness.

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Opening Versicles

Lent Versicles

P *O Lord, open my lips,*
C *and my mouth will declare Your praise.*

P *Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*
C *make haste to help me, O Lord.*

C *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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7, 10-11

P ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C **whose sin is covered.**

P ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

- C** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- P** ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
- C** you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- P** ¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- P** ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C** and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
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.

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Readings

First Reading

1 Peter 3:8-17

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who
do evil.”

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading

Mark 15:1-20

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

L *Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.*

C *Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.*

L *In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.*

C *Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.*

L *Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.*

C *Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.*

Hymn #430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

- 1 *My song is love unknown,
 My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
 That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?*
- 2 *He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
His life did spend!*
- 3 *Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
 Is all their breath,
 And for His death
They thirst and cry.*
- 4 *Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
 He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
 Yet they at these*

*Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.*

- 5 *They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.*
- 6 *In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.*
- 7 *Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!*

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Offering

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Prayer

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 231

L *Let my prayer rise before You as incense,*
C *and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

Kyrie

LSB 233

C *Lord, have mercy;*
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, 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.

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Special Prayer

P Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 234

P *Let us bless the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

P *The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C *Amen.*

Hymn #649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1 *Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

2 *Before our Father’s throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.*

- 3 *We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.*
- 4 *When here our pathways part,
 We suffer bitter pain;
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
 We hope to meet again.*
- 5 *From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.*

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