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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 5 Vespers Service March 17, 2024

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Vespers*

Opening Hymn #453 "Upon the Cross Extended"

- 1 *Upon the cross extended
See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.*
- 5 *Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.*
- 6 *Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to You forever,
I am no longer mine.
To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to You resign.*
- 7 *Your cross I place before me;
Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test.*

*It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending
My way to Your eternal rest.*

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Opening Versicles

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.*

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 143:1-2, 5-8, 11

P ¹Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my
pleas for mercy!

C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your
righteousness!**

P ²Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C **for no one living is righteous before you.**

- P** ⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
- C** **I ponder the work of your hands.**
- P** ⁶I stretch out my hands to you;
- C** **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
- P** ⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!
- C** **Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**
- P** ⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
- C** **Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**
- P** ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
- C** **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**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** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading

Mark 15:21-47

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And

the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they

followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 231

P *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.*

P *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.*

- P** *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.*

Sermon Hymn #566

“By Grace I’m Saved”

- 1** *By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.*
- 3** *By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.*
- 5** *By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?*
- 6** *By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;
In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart’s condition,*

*I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.*

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Sermon

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

LSB 233

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

- L** *O Lord, hear my prayer.*
C *And let my cry come to You.*

Special Prayer

- P** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.
- 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 to Depart #878

“Abide with Me”

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*
- 2 I need Thy presence ev’ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s
pow’r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with
me.*
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to
the skies.
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

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