

**† LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE †**  
**March 9, 2022**

<b>SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
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**PRELUDE**

Liebster Jesu

J. G. Walther

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.

**C Turn us again, O God of our salvation, that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

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

**C 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.**

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and uncertainties of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

**HYMN**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB Hymn 544

**PSALMODY** *(from Psalm 103)*

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

**C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

P who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**C who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

**C as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.**

P As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

**C For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.**

P But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,

**C to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.**

P Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

**C Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup>and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor... <sup>10</sup>I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

Luke 4:14-15, 31-32, 38-39

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup>He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him... <sup>31</sup>Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. <sup>32</sup>They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority... <sup>38</sup>Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup>So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB Hymn 421

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing (v. 1, 4-5)

## DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE

"Peter's Mother-in-Law"

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Congregation rising)*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, and healing in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the health of creation, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for wise stewardship of God's good gifts, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, for those who are in danger, and for those who are sick and suffering, especially those we remember in the quiet of this moment...*(pause)*, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all servants of the church, for this community of faith, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Giving thanks for those who have gone before us and are now at rest, and rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Der am Kreuz

Ruth Mackie

### OFFERTORY *(Congregation rising)*

(LSB Hymn 956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## † HOLY COMMUNION †

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us, and grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee and pledge of His salvation. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*(Worshipers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Children and those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS (Congregation rising)**

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

**C Lord, now let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

LSB **Hymn 917**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

**POSTLUDE**

Ellers

Lovelace/Wood

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor

Lector: Larry Cosentino

Dramatic Monologue: Kristin Pimentel

Organist: Deborah Reiss

Usher: Mark Runge

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## **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

**Wednesdays 7:30pm**

**March 16 – Mary Magdalene**

**March 23 – Thomas the Apostle**

**March 30 – Martha**

**\*April 6 – Lazarus**

*\*A non-communion service of prayer with special music by  
The Chapel School Select Choir*

## **HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday Weekend**

**April 9 - 5:30pm**

**April 10 - 9:00 & 10:45am**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Choral Evening Prayer and The Lord's Supper**

**April 14 - 7:30pm**

**Good Friday Tenebrae**

**April 15 - 12:00 & 7:30pm**

**Easter Services**

**April 16 - 5:30pm**

**April 17 - 9:00 & 10:45am**