

† LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE †
April 6, 2022

SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

CHORAL PRELUDE

God Himself is Present

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C Amen.

L 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.

L 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.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O Lord God, the life of all the living, grant us a quiet night and peaceful sleep, that we may rise again tomorrow to live as Your children and glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated)

PSALMODY (*from Psalm 18*)

L I call to the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

C In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.

L From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.

C He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of the mighty waters.

L He brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

C For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not done evil by turning from my God.

L For who is God except the Lord? And who is a rock besides our God?

C You gave me a wide path for my steps beneath me, and my feet did not slip.

L The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

C Therefore I will praise You among the nations, O Lord, and sing praises to Your name.

ANTHEM

Hakuna Mungu

Kirk Aamot

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe, hakuna na hatakuweco!

(There's no other God like You; there is none, and there never shall be!)

Nimetembea kote, nikatafuta kote, nikanguka kote.

(I have walked everywhere, searched everywhere, turned everywhere.)

Hakuna na katakuweco! Hakuna kufanana na Yesu...

(There is none, and there never shall be! There is no one like Jesus...)

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:4-14

⁴Then [the Lord] said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath...and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost...' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord... ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 11:30-44

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply

moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Keith Christopher

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE

"Lazarus"

PRAYER HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(LSB Hymn 770, v. 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear –

All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation rising*)

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

OFFERING/CHORAL VOLUNTARY

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Congregation rising*)

L 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacraments, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us and with all the faithful, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us in His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Go, My Children, With My Blessing (LSB Hymn 922, v. 1 & 4)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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