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Lenten Midweek Worship Service

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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Silent Prayer / The Prelude

The Hymn of Invocation

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"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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The Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Opening Versicles

L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C have mercy and hear us.

The 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.

The 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.

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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.

The Responsive Prayer: *Evening*

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L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
C and grant us Your salvation.

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
C and let Your saints shout for joy.

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the
nations upon the earth.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
C and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

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

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.

The Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25:1-10

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Hymn of the Day

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“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,
In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray:
O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,
But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

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The Sermon

“Are You Getting Your Greens?”
St. Luke 18:9-14

The Offertory Hymn

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

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1 On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

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The Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The Closing Prayer: *Evening* **p. 284**

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.

The Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C Amen.

The Closing Hymn

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

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1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.
2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;

Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

- 4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

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Silent Prayer / The Postlude



Join us Wednesday evenings for **Soup Suppers** at **6 PM** and
Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Worship Services at **7 PM**.

February 21st — Lent Midweek 1
“Are You Getting Your Greens?”
(St. Luke 18:9-14)

February 28th — Lent Midweek 2
“Keys to New Life”
(St. John 20:21-23)

March 6th — Lent Midweek 3
“Jesus’ Strategy for Peacemaking”
(St. Matthew 18:15-20)

March 13th — Lent Midweek 4
“What a Pastor Owes God’s People”
(Ezekiel 3:16-21, 24-27)

March 20th — Lent Midweek 5
“What God’s People Owe Their Pastor”
(Jeremiah 26:20-24)

March 28th — Lent Midweek 6,
Maundy Thursday
“Caught Red-Handed”
(St. John 13:21-30)

March 29th — Lent Midweek 7,
Good Friday
“All!”
(Isaiah 52:13—53:12)

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Sunrise, 7 AM
To Be Announced

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Day, 9 AM
To Be Announced

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Day, 12 PM (Hmong Worship)