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Midweek Lenten Worship Service

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

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Silent Prayer / The Prelude

The Hymn of Invocation **# 981 (v. 1-3, 5, 7)**
"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,

And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

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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.

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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.

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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 22:23–31**

P You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

P From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

C **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

C **For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C **Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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

John 20:21-23

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

The Hymn of the Day

843 (Tune: LSB 554)

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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The Sermon

**“Keys to New Life”
St. John 20:21-23**

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!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856-1921, alt. Text: Public domain

The Prayer of the Church

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

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- 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

920 (*Tune: LSB 883*)

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

- 1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world’s true king.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ’s world we serve to share Christ’s reign.
- 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,

This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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Silent Prayer / The Postlude



LENTEN CALENDAR

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

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)**