

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Lent III

Gathering Hymn: *Please see page 5*

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Officiant: Grace to you and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **And also with you.**

Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Mark 8:34

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Beloved, God’s word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People

Glory 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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm 78:1-25 (please read responsively by verse)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 ***I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.***
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 ***We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.***
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 ***That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;***
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;
- 8 ***And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.***
- 9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, *
turned back in the day of battle;
- 10 ***They did not keep the covenant of God, *
and refused to walk in his law;***
- 11 They forgot what he had done, *
and the wonders he had shown them.
- 12 ***He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.***
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 ***He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.***
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 ***He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.***
- 17 But they went on sinning against him, *
rebellious in the desert against the Most High.
- 18 ***They tested God in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.***
- 19 They railed against God and said, *
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”
- 20 ***True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?”***
- 21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;
- 22 ***For they had no faith in God, *
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.***
- 23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 ***He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.***
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

Officiant and People

Glory 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 Lesson: Matthew 26:47-50

A Reading from St. Matthew.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Meditation - "God's Mercy in Betrayal"

Hymn: *Please see page 6*

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

The Canticle - The Second Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

***Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;***

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,***

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

***So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;***

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Officiant and People

***Glory 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 Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,***

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn:

“Go My Children, With My Blessing”

1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."

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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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Ah, Holy Jesus ^[H]

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.