

Midweek of Lent 3
Anno Domini 2021

Hymn on Entry

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Stand

Common Versicles

LSB 229

- L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our Salvation.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 38

- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!
- ²For your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and your hand has come | down on me.
- ³There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indig- | nation;*
there is no health in my bones
because | of my sin.
- ⁴For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;*
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.
- ⁵My wounds stink and | fester*
because of my | foolishness,
- ⁶I am utterly bowed down and | prostrate;*
all the day I go about | mourning.
- ⁷For my sides are filled with | burning,*
and there is no soundness | in my flesh.
- ⁸I am feeble | and crushed;*
I groan because of the tumult | of my heart.
- ⁹O Lord, all my longing is be- | fore you;*
my sighing is not hid- | den from you.
- ¹⁰My heart throbs; my strength | fails me,*
and the light of my eyes—it also has | gone from me.
- ¹¹My friends and companions stand aloof | from my plague,*
and my nearest kin stand | far off.
- ¹²Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek my hurt speak of | ruin*
and meditate treachery | all day long.
- ¹³But I am like a deaf man; I | do not hear,*
like a mute man who does not o- | pen his mouth.
- ¹⁴I have become like a man who | does not hear,*
and in whose mouth are | no rebukes.
- ¹⁵But for you, O LORD, | do I wait;*

it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.
 16For I said, "Only let them not rejoice | over me,*
 who boast against me when my | foot slips!"
 17For I am read- | y to fall,*
 and my pain is ever be- | fore me.
 18I confess my in- | iquity;*
 I am sorry | for my sin.
 19But my foes are vigorous, they are | mighty,*
 and many are those who hate me | wrongfully.
 20Those who render me e- | vil for good*
 accuse me because I follow | after good.
 21Do not forsake me, | O LORD!*
 O my God, be not | far from me!
 22Make haste to | help me,*
 O Lord, my sal- | vation!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sit

Office Hymn

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

- 1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people,
 Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
 "Comfort those who sit in darkness,
 Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
 Speak ye to Jerusalem
 Of the peace that waits for them;
 Tell her that her sins I cover
 And her warfare now is over."

- 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
 Blotting out each dark misdeed;
 All that well deserved His anger
 He no more will see or heed.
 She hath suffered many_a day,
 Now her griefs have passed away;

God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

- 3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
- 4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

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Readings

Epistle

Romans 9:30—10:13

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

¹Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 24:1–3 & 15-28

¹Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?”

¹⁵“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and

wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. **This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Sermon. Text, The Gospel Reading. Theme, God's patience with Jerusalem.

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon

LSB 231

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat

LSB 231

C **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**
for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty
away.

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke
to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**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.**

Sit

Offering. Due to this being an online service only and If you have set aside a Lenten
offering please place bring it on Sunday or place it in the mail.

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C **And let my cry come to You.**

Afternoon/Evening

LSB 283

- 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.**

Litany (Lent)

LSB 249

- 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 this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For *[name of president or monarch]*, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

- L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
- C **To You, O Lord.**

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

- P 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.

Collect for Peace

- L 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.**

Collect for Pandemic

LSB Altar Book

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the pandemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 234

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

Benediction

LSB 234

- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away

sts. 1–5

- 1 Now the light has gone away;
Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep
And to send me quiet sleep.

- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy home above.
- 4 Now my evening praise I give;
Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee;
Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend,
Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more,
Always better than before.

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