

Midweek Lenten Service
March 24, 2021

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.
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.

Psalm 145:8-13

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

Reading: Exodus 19:1–6

L A reading from Exodus, chapter 19.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Reading: Romans 14:13–17

L A reading from Romans, chapter 14.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Reading: John 18:28–38

L A reading from John, chapter 18.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

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: Return to the Lord: Return to the Kingdom of God

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat

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

- P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- C** **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;**
- P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- C** **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
- P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- C** **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**
- P** 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.

Kyrie

- 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.**

Collects

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

Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 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.**

Benedicamus

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

Benediction

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

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