

IN SUFFERING



BE THY LOVE MY PEACE

DEATH OF SON OF DAVID, KING OF ISREAL
MIDWEEK OF LENT 4

March 18th, 2020

The congregation assembles in silence.

- L** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **C Amen.**
- L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- L** to herald Your love in the morning,
C Your truth at the close of the day.
- L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
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PSALMODY *Psalm of Lamentation, Psalm 6*

- L** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- C My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD— how long?
Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**
- L** For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- C My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**
- L** The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.
All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

OFFICE HYMN

713 *From God Can Nothing Move Me*

1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

△7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

FIRST READING

Hebrews 12:3-11

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all

have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Samuel 12:11–23

Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.” Then Nathan went to his house.

And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he became sick. David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, “Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm.” But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” They said, “He is dead.” Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food.” He said, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, ‘Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’ But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.”

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RESPONSORY FOR LENT

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

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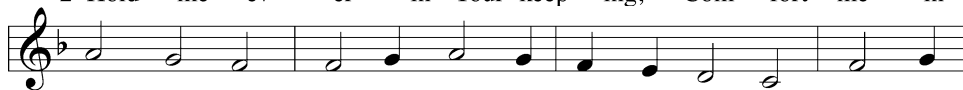
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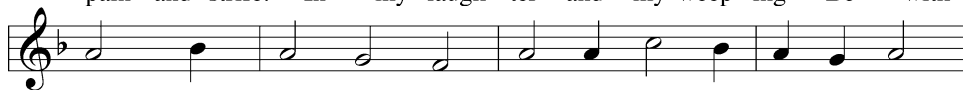
692 Praise to You and Adoration



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

HOMILY

PRAYER

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry.**

L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;

C **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

L In righteousness I shall see You;

C **when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.**

L Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

L Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Abide with us, Lord, and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. **C Amen.**

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

L Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

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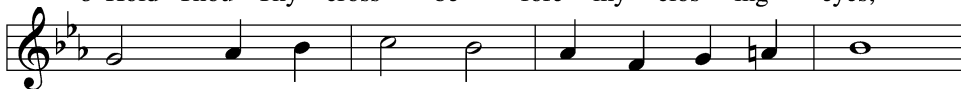
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

HYMN

878 *Abide with Me*

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Lent / Easter Schedule

Lenten Midweeks

Lenten Dinner 5:15 PM
Service 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM
Midweek Class 6:30 PM

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM
Good Friday 7:30 PM
Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:00 AM
Easter Breakfast 7:45 AM
Easter Egg Hunt 8:15 AM
Sunday School 8:30 AM
Easter Day Service 9:30 AM

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