

Lenten Midweek 3 Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Evening Service

The Suffering Servant: From Forgotten to Remembrance The congregation assembles in silence.

Stand

- P The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
- C Amen.
- P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- P to herald Your love in the morning,
- C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

- P 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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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

- C For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- C You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
- C Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.
- ALL 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.
- ALL For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Sit

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- Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

- Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.
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Reading from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 49:8-18

⁸Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land. to apportion the desolate heritages. ⁹saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways: on all bare heights shall be their pasture; ¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. ¹¹And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. ¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,

and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

- ¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!
- for the LORD has comforted his people
 - and will have compassion on his afflicted.
- ¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
- my Lord has forgotten me."
- ¹⁵"Can a woman forget her nursing child,
- that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
- Even these may forget,
 - yet I will not forget you.
- ¹⁶Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
 - your walls are continually before me.
- ¹⁷Your builders make haste;

your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you. ¹⁸Lift up your eyes around and see;

- they all gather, they come to you.
- As I live, declares the LORD,
 - you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does.

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

- Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
- Praise the Lord high above;
 Praise the Lord high above,
 For He stoops down to heal you,
 Uplift and restore you;
 Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you,

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- P Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C listen to my cry.
- P Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
- C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
- P In righteousness I shall see You;
- C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.
- P 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.
- P 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.
- P 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.
- P Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us 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.

Lord's Prayer

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- P 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.

Benediction

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- C Amen.

728 How Firm a Foundation

- How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

- When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne." Text: Public domain

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