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### To Our Guests and Visitors

We welcome all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

## LENTEN MIDWEEK IV

March 14, 2012

## VESPERS

*Stand*

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.**

*Sit*

## Psalmody

**Psalm**

Psalm 102:18–28

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,\*  
 so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

**That He looked down from His holy height;\***  
**from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,**  
 To hear the groans of the prisoners,\*  
 to set free those who were doomed to die,  
**that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,\***  
**and in Jerusalem His praise,**  
 when people gather together,\*  
 and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.  
**He has broken my strength in midcourse;\***  
**He has shortened my days.**  
 “O my God,” I say, “take me not away in the midst of my days—\*  
 You whose years endure throughout all generations!”  
**Of old You laid the foundations of the earth,\***  
**and the heavens are the work of Your hands.**  
 They will perish, but You will remain;\*  
 they will all wear out like a garment.  
**You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,\***  
**but You are the same, and Your years have no end.**  
 The children of Your servants shall dwell secure;\*  
 their offspring shall be established before You.  
**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.**

**Office Hymn**      “O Christ, You Walked the Road”      (LSB 424)

## Readings

**Reading**                      Romans 8:18–30

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

**Reading**                      Matthew 26:57–27:10

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*Stand*

### Responsory for Lent

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

**C In You, O Lord, do I put my trust. Leave me not, O Lord, my God.**

P 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 Hymn "O Perfect Life of Love" (LSB 452)

Sermon

Canticle

*Stand*

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

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

Magnificat

**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 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

Prayer

*Stand*

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 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, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

P Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Collect for Peace

P 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.

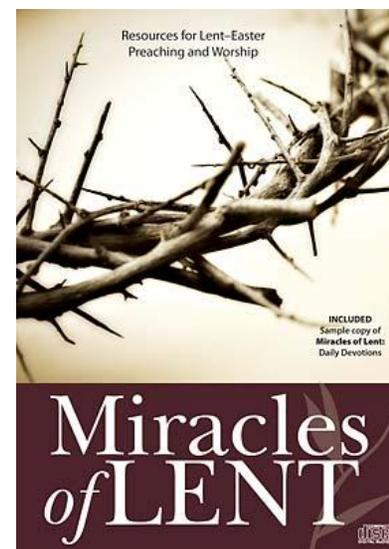
C **Amen.**

### Hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (LSB 423)

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#### **Fifth Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death Matthew 27:52,53

#### **Sixth Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers Matthew 27:54

#### **Maundy Thursday:**

The Miraculous in Holy Communion 1 Cor. 11:23–26

#### **Good Friday:**

The Miracle of Good Friday 1 Peter 3:18

#### **Easter Sunday:**

The Miracle of Easter Matthew 28:1–10