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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 III

March 7, 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.**

## Psalmody

**Psalm**

Psalm 77:1–3, 10–20

I cry aloud to God,\*  
 aloud to God, and He will hear me.  
**In the day of trouble I seek the Lord;\***  
**in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;**  
**my soul refuses to be comforted.**

When I remember God, I moan;\*  
 when I meditate, my spirit faints.  
**Then I said, “I will appeal to this,\***  
**to the years of the right hand of the Most High.”**  
 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;\*  
 yes, I will remember Your wonders of old.  
**I will ponder all Your work,\***  
**and meditate on Your mighty deeds.**  
 Your way, O God, is holy,\*  
 what god is great like our God?  
**You are the God who works wonders;\***  
**you have made known Your might among the peoples.**  
 You with your arm redeemed Your people,\*  
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.  
**When the waters saw You, O God, when the waters saw You,**  
**they were afraid;\***  
**indeed, the deep trembled.**  
 The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder;\*  
 Your arrows flashed on every side.  
**The crash of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your**  
**lightnings lighted up the world;\***  
**the earth trembled and shook.**  
 Your way was through the sea, Your path through the great  
 waters;\*  
 yet Your footprints were unseen.  
**You led Your people like a flock\***  
**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**  
**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*

**Office Hymn**

“Lamb of God” (LSB 550)

## Readings

**Reading** Hebrews 12:25–29

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading** Matthew 26:36–56

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsory for Lent

L Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
In You, O Lord, do I put my trust. Leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
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.**

**Hymn** “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” (*LSB* 439, Vs. 1-4)

**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**

*Kneel/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

- L O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

- L Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**
- L Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
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.**

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

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

## Benediction

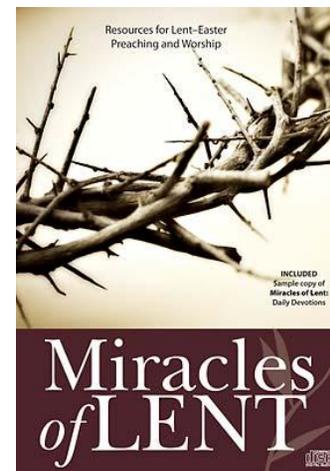
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **Amen.**

## Hymn

“Glory Be to Jesus” (LSB 433)

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### Fourth Wednesday in Lent:

The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks Matthew 27:51c

### 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