

# MARCH 22, 2023 - LENT 4 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "O Lamb of God" by Mozart; Bet Frost, soloist.

Stand

## 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

sts. 1, 4-6



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,  
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles

- P** As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.  
**C** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
- P** When shall I come and appear before God?  
**C** My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"
- P** By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
**C** And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- P** I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?  
**C** Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- P** As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,  
**C** While they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

**P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

**C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Yet Jesus offered to her the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. In Christ, we have received that life-giving water, so we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, also lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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### Verse for Lent

LSB 173



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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### Sermon

**Anthem** - "Humbly I Adore Thee" arranged by Lloyd Pfautsch; Mike Frost, soloist.

*Kneel*

### Prayers

**P** Lord Jesus, you graciously invited the Samaritan woman to believe in you as the Messiah and Savior, to drink of living water of the Spirit. We, too, trust in you as our Lord and Savior. You have given to us the gift of the precious, living water that is the Spirit of God welling up to eternal life. Gracious Lord,

**C** Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

**P** Lord Jesus, we pray that you would continue to sustain us with your Spirit during this earthly life. Fill us with the peace and hope that are found only through repentance and forgiveness in your name. Help us to grow in grace and strength of faith through the study of your holy Word so that we might serve others in your name. Gracious Lord,

**C** Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

**P** Lord Jesus, we pray for those who thirst for help and hope in their suffering. Comfort those who face illness, grief and loss in their own lives and in the lives of loved ones. Empower us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day when we will live forever in your presence and drink from the water of the river of life in paradise. Until that great day, lead us to show mercy to others and to share our blessings to satisfy their earthly needs, their hunger and thirst. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, you asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, beginning the conversation that led her to trust in you as her Savior. She then told the people of her town about you and they too believed. Help us by your Spirit to begin such conversations with our friends and neighbors so that they will believe and worship you as their King and Savior. Gracious Lord,

**C** **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 179*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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

*LSB 183*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## 744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1-4



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.

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**Postlude** - "There Is A Green Hill Far Away" tune *Windsor*, setting by Coleman.

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