# MARCH 20, 2024 - LENT 5 MIDWEEK SERVICE

**Prelude** - "Sing My Tongue" tune Fortunatus New, setting by Johns.

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## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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** Seek the LORD and his strength;
- **C** seek his presence continually!
- **P** I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
- he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.
- **P** Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
- **©** but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
- **P** They collapse and fall,
- **C** but we rise and stand upright.
- P Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
- for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

- **P** Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, You set Your face toward Jerusalem as the time of Your death drew near. You did not turn away from what lay ahead. In Gethsemane, You prayed that Your Father's will would be done, not Your own. You were faithful to Your purpose and obedient to Your heavenly Father, even to the point of death on a cross. Lead us by Your Spirit to be faithful to You in our thoughts, words and actions, so that our lives bear witness to Your steadfast love. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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## **Old Testament Reading**

Micah 6:6-8

6"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
7Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
8He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 6:10–20

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

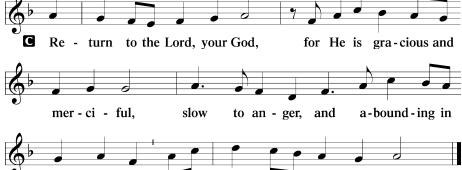
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C Thanks be to God.

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Verse for Lent



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Holy Gospel John 19:16–22

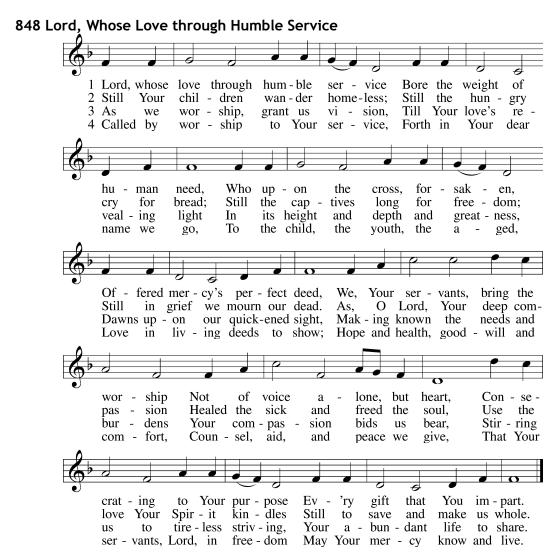
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

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#### Sermon

**Anthem** - The Bell Choir plays "What Wondrous Love Is This" setting by Lloyd Larson.

### **Prayers**

- Lord Jesus, you set your face toward Jerusalem, where you would take up your cross for the sake of our salvation. In faithful obedience to your heavenly Father, you suffered and died to save us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.
- Lord Jesus, when we face difficult days in life, when we are filled with doubt or fear, strengthen us to persevere in faith and to hold fast to the hope and peace that you have brought us. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.
- Lord Jesus, be present with those who face illness, pain and grief, especially those for whom our prayers have been requested and those we name silently in our hearts now. Comfort them through the promises of your Word, and keep them strong in faith. Guide us as we serve them in love. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- **C** Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.
- Lord Jesus, keep us steadfast in the study of your Word so that we will grow in faith, ready to defend the hope that is ours and to be your witnesses each day. Give us opportunities to speak to others about your redeeming death and triumphant resurrection, so that in the power of the Spirit, they, too, may come to follow you in faith. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.
- Lord Jesus, faithful to your purpose and to your Father's will, you suffered and died to save us. Keep us steadfast in faith, walking in your footsteps, until we live in your presence forever. Faithful Lord, as we follow you,
- **©** Set your cross before us to guide us in faithfulness.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

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Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

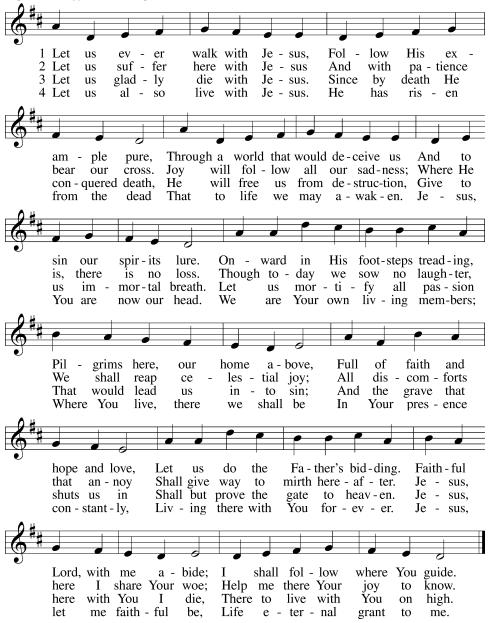
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.

C Amen.

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**Postlude** - "Voluntary" by William Boyce.

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