MARCH 6, 2024 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "In the Hour of Trial" tune Penitence; setting by Denton.

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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** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
- for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints.
- P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
- C that glory may dwell in our land.
- **P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
- **C** righteousness and peace kiss each other.

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- **P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
- and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- **P** May the LORD give strength to his people!
- May the LORD bless his people with peace!
- 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.
- Cod. When the cares and concerns of this world threaten the peace that we have, help us to remember Your promise, that You are always with us. Make us bold witnesses for You so that others will come to know the peace that You alone bring. Guide us in the way of Your peace. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

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

Epistle Colossians 1:15–20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

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Holy Gospel Luke 23:44-49

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

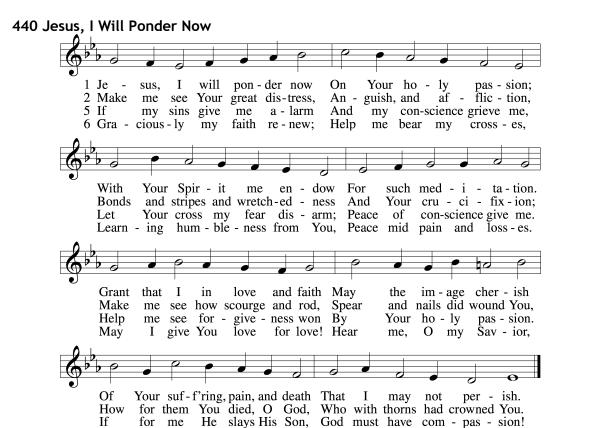
Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. 47Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" 48And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

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

Sit



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Sermon

Anthem - "Were You There/Balm in Gilead" arranged by Brent Adams; Phil Giampietro, Euphonium soloist.

Kneel

Prayers

- Lord Jesus, you suffered and died for our sins, and by your wounds, we have received healing from our sins and we have peace with God. During this Lenten season, as we follow your path to the cross, set your cross always before us to guide us in the way of peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- C Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.
- Lord Jesus, the cross that you carried to Golgotha was not known as an instrument of peace, but as a terrible instrument of death. Yet through your sacrifice, the cross has become for us a sign of love and peace. Through the blood you shed on the cross, God has reconciled all things to himself, making peace through the blood of your cross. Jesus, Prince of Peace.
- C Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.
- Lord Jesus, the world around us is rarely at peace, and when it is, that worldly peace can be a fragile thing. We must deal with conflicts and quarrels, troubled times among our own friends and family members and the threat and reality of war among nations. Yet you have promised that when we bring our fears and worries to you in prayer, you will guard our hearts and minds with your peace. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- **C** Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.
- Lord Jesus, we pray for people who are suffering through illness, grief and other difficult circumstances. Grant to them the peace that you alone can give. Comfort them through the promises of your Word, and give us opportunities to serve them and to share your love with them. Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- C Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.
- Lord Jesus, right now each day, we have forgiveness and peace through faith in your name. We look forward to the day when we will live in your presence, where we will enjoy peace forever. Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,
- **C** Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- 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.

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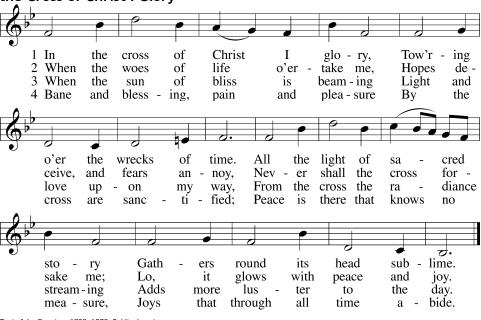
Benediction LSB 166

- 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 - "I will Lift up Mine Eyes" by A. Schreiner.

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