

MARCH 11, 2026 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "A Song Of Supplication" by Johnson.

Stand

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

sts. 1-2, 4, 6



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.
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.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.
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
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure
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.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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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 Dialog

- P** The disciple Peter walked on the Sea of Galilee, looking to Jesus. But as Peter saw the storm and waves, he began to sink. Jesus reached out to him and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31).
- C** Lord, teach us to look to you in faith and to trust in your ever-present care.
- P** God invites us to come to him in prayer without doubting his ability and willingness to help us: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind" (James 1:5-6).
- C** Lord, we know that you hear and answer our prayers. Lead us to come to you in faith.
- P** After the resurrection, Thomas demanded proof that Jesus had risen from the dead. Once Thomas touched the scars in his hands and side, Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).
- C** Lord, we have seen you revealed in the Word, and we believe.

- P** “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:6-7).
- C** **Lord, guide us as we walk by faith until the day we see you face to face.**
- C** **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.
- C** **Lord Jesus, when your disciple Peter walked on the water, he grew frightened when he saw the waves and felt the strong wind. He began to sink, but you reached out and raised him up, leading him to safety. When we are weak, raise us up, and lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to place our trust in you. Strengthen our faith through the gifts of your holy Word and Sacrament. When we stumble and wander from your ways, call us to repentance, forgive our sins and help us to grow in grace and faith. Hear our prayers, dear Savior. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:3–8

- ³Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
- ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- ⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- ⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

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

Epistle

James 1:2–8

²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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

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Verse for Lent

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

Matthew 14:22–33

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sit

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,
 Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
 Thine can never fail.
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
 Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.

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Sermon

Anthem - “*The Lamb*” by Twila Paris; Bruce Emerick, soloist.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Lord Jesus, the waves of trouble and sorrow in this world sometimes cause us to doubt your presence and your care. When we call on you in prayer, as Peter did, have mercy and come quickly to help us. Raise us up and grant to us the peace that only you can give. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C** **Lord, increase our faith!**
- P** Lord Jesus, we know that you work through the troubles we experience to make us strong in faith. Encourage us with the promises of your Word. Do not let us look to the storms and waves of trouble that surround us, but teach us to keep our focus on you, dear Savior. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C** **Lord, increase our faith!**
- P** Lord Jesus, help those who struggle with sorrow, grief, fear and illness, especially those we name in our hearts. Comfort them with the promises of your Word, and fill them with the peace that you alone can bring. Give us opportunities to bring to them help and encouragement in your name. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C** **Lord, increase our faith!**
- P** Lord Jesus, you have called us to trust you with all our hearts. Keep us from relying instead on our own understanding. We want to trust you in all of the circumstances of our lives, in days of blessing and in times of sorrow. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C** **Lord, increase our faith!**
- P** Lord Jesus, as we trust in you for the gift of salvation, for our eternal life, lead us with the help of the Holy Spirit to trust in you each day in this life, too. We pray that our faith will be a witness to others of your unfailing love. Lord, hear our prayer.
- C** **Lord, increase our faith! Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.**

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717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

sts. 1-4



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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