

MARCH 18, 2026 - LENT 4 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "A Lenten Prelude" by Giovanni Pergolesi.

Stand

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -
from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er
Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our
cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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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** Tonight we follow our Lord's path to the cross, but even before his birth the prophet Isaiah foretold the names by which the Savior would be known: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; ... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).
- C** **The Savior crowned with thorns was born among us to be our Prince of Peace.**
- P** The Prince of Peace died to bring us peace. The apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).
- C** **Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross and clothed us in his righteousness. Our sins are forgiven. We are at peace with God.**
- P** Our Prince of Peace wants us to be at peace in a troubled world. Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
- C** **Jesus brings peace and hope to our troubled lives.**

- P** We share with others the peace that is ours through faith in Jesus. “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding” (Romans 14:19).
- C** **As we live under the reign of our Prince of Peace, we are at peace with God, and we seek to live in peace with one another.**
- 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, Prince of Peace, you were born among us as one of us. You endured the trials and troubles of this earthly life and the hatred of your enemies. You suffered rejection, betrayal, arrest and condemnation for us. You bore our sins in your body on the cross, and through the blood of your cross our sins are forgiven and we are at peace with God. When we struggle with the turmoil of this life, when we are afraid and worried, grant to us the peace that you alone can give. In your name we pray, Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 6:2–9

- ²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- ³My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD— how long?
- ⁴Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- ⁶I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

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

Epistle

Philippians 4:6–9

- ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Stand

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

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

732 All Depends on Our Possessing

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my
 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
 They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y
 I shall doubt His wis - dom nev - er; As God wills, so
 not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.

Sermon

Anthem - “*You Are my All In All/Fairest Lord Jesus*” by Dennis Jernigan; Bet and Michael Frost, soloists.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Lord Jesus, you have promised peace to us. Your peace is not like the world’s peace. Your peace depends always and only on you and, as you have promised, you are present with us always. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
- C** **Fill us with the peace that you alone can give.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we are often worried and fearful about many things. Lead us by the Spirit to turn to you in prayer. Hear and answer our prayers. Calm our troubled hearts, and make our faith strong. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
- C** **Fill us with the peace that you alone can give.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we live in a world filled with strife and quarreling. We are often guilty of causing that strife among our family or friends. Forgive our sins, and bring calm to the storms of fear that we feel so that we, in turn, can share your peace with others. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
- C** **Fill us with the peace that you alone can give.**
- P** Lord Jesus, in your mercy bring peace to those who are suffering through illness, sorrow and worry. Lead them to trust in you in all things, and comfort them with the hope found in the promises of your holy Word. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
- C** **Fill us with the peace that you alone can give.**
- P** Lord Jesus, when we are filled with your peace, lead us to share that peace with others. Help us to reflect your love and care in the world so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord and Savior. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
- C** **Fill us with the peace that you alone can give. Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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- 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

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- 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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427 In the Cross of Christ | Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Postlude - "Christ The Life Of All The Living" tune *Jesu, Meines Lebens*, setting by J. C. Bach.

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