

MARCH 4, 2026 - LENT 2 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "In The Hour Of Trial" tune *Penitence*, setting by Spencer Lane; Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.

Stand

421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

sts. 1-4



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

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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** God commands us, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's" (Exodus 20:17).
- C** Lord, lead us by your Spirit to obey your holy Word and follow your commands.
- P** Jesus said, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).
- C** Lord, help us to walk in your ways and teach us to be content with what we have.

- P** Jesus tells us, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).
- C** **Lord, you alone are our only lasting treasure.**
- P** The apostle Paul reminds us, “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).
- C** **Lord, in you we have all that we need.**
- 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** **Almighty God, you have graciously given to us the true Treasure, Jesus our Savior. By the riches of your grace, through faith in Jesus, we have received the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. As we follow Jesus to the cross during these days of Lent, cleanse our hearts from greed, and teach us to put aside our selfish desires. Lead us to use the many earthly gifts you have given to us in service to others. We pray, too, that you would guide us by your Spirit to be bold witnesses for our Savior, so that others can share in the riches of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:8–10

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

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

Epistle

1 Peter 1:13–21

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

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

Luke 12:16–21

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

¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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

Sit

730 What Is the World to Me

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,
When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,
You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Sermon

Anthem - “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” tune *Hamburg*, setting by Lani Smith; Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Lord Jesus, for us you laid aside the riches of heavenly glory. You humbled yourself to be born among us to save us, so that we would know the wealth of God’s grace through faith in your holy name. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
- C** **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**
- P** Lord Jesus, you suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. You were buried in the borrowed grave of a wealthy man, but on the first Easter morning you were raised to life to give us victory over death and the grave. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
- C** **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**
- P** Lord Jesus, guard our hearts against the desire to covet what others have. Help us to be satisfied with the earthly gifts that you graciously give to us. Help us to remember that you will provide for all of our needs. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
- C** **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we ask your blessing for those who are enduring times of trouble through illness, fear, doubt and grief. We pray for our members who are not with us due to distance, age, or infirmity, and especially for those we name in our hearts. Comfort them through the promises of your Word and, according to your will, bring them healing. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
- C** **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.**
- P** Lord Jesus, forgive our greed and constant grasping for more possessions and greater wealth. Instead, give us willing and generous hearts so that we will gladly share with others the earthly treasures that you have given to us. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
- C** **In you we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life. 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.**

Stand

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Postlude - “*In The Cross Of Christ I Glory*” tune *Rathbon*, setting by Engel.

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