

Lenten Vespers VI

March 24, 2021

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

P Return to the LORD, your God,

C **for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.** *(Joel 2:13)*

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Joel 2:13b

Collect of the Day

Reading

Amos 4:6–13

⁶“I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

⁷“I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; ⁸so two or three cities would wander to another city to drink water, and would not be satisfied; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

⁹“I struck you with blight and mildew; your many gardens and your vineyards, your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

¹⁰“I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, and carried away your horses, and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

¹¹“I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me,” declares the LORD.

¹²“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

¹³For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!

Reading

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart
before him;

God is a refuge for us.

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God, ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

For you will render to a man
according to his work.

Reading

Luke 22:39–46

³⁹And [Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

Responsory (*spoken*)

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon

“Return to the Lord ... Who Does Not Quit”

Amos 4:6-13

569 In Adam We Have All Been One



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought
ways,
To make us one in Thee.

(stand)

6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy;

**C: Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

(12:15 p.m. Service concludes with the Postlude)

886 The Day Thou Gavest



1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un-sleeping
 3 As o'er each con-ti-nent and is-land
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak-ing
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev-er,



The dark-ness falls at Thy be-hest;
 While earth rolls on-ward in-to light,
 The dawn leads on-an-oth-er day,
 Thy saints be-neath the west-ern skies,
 Like earth's proud em-pires, pass a-way;



To Thee our morn-ing hymns as-cend-ed,
 Through all the world her watch is keep-ing,
 The voice of prayer is nev-er si-lent,
 And hour by hour, as day is break-ing,
 Thy king-dom stands and grows for-ev-er,



Thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.
 And nev-er rests by day or night.
 Nor dies the strain of praise a-way.
 Fresh hymns of thank-ful praise a-rise.
 Till all Thy crea-tures own Thy sway.

Postlude

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Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

Thursday, April 1

12:15pm & 6:30pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 2

12:15pm & 6:30pm

Easter Services w/Holy Communion

Sunday, April 4

6:00am

8:00am

10:30am

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