

honest repentance

LENTEN SERIES + ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Hosea 2:13

Lenten Midweek Service 3 March 6, 2024 12:15pm / 6:30pm

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SERVICE OF VESPERS

Prelude

Call to Worship



Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put more joy in my heart **than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Hymn #608

Lord, to You I Make Confession

Passion Reading

Mark 14:32–42

A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

A reading from Jonah, chapter 3.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

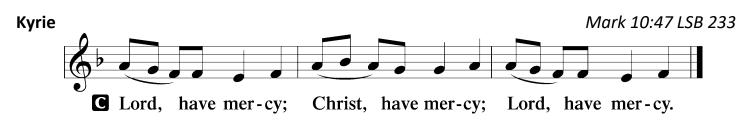
¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.



Sermon 4 of the Series "Honest Repentance"

"Repentance" Jonah 3:1-10 **Prayers**



Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects

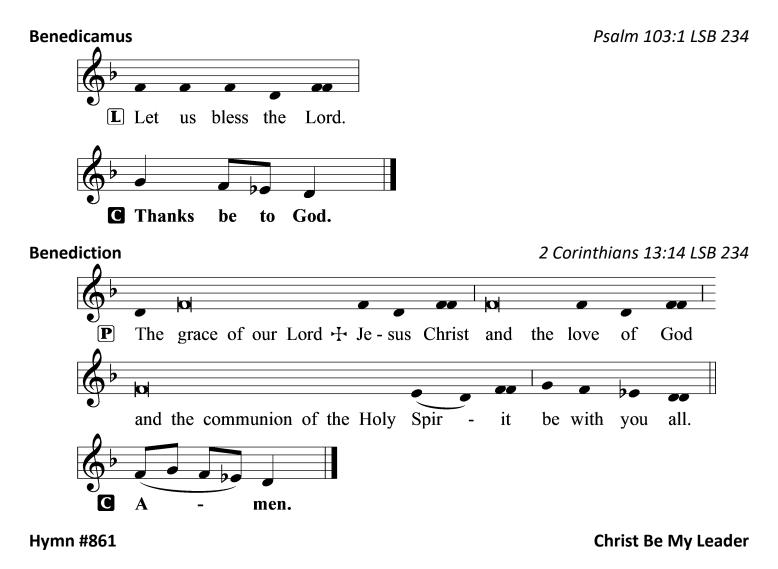
- P O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Postlude

Palm Sunday w/Holy Communion

March23 at 5:30pm March 24 at 8am and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

March 28 at 12:15pm 6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

Good Friday March 29 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

March 31 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

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