

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)**  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
**April 9, 2014**

**THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God, the once and for all sacrifice for my sin. You did the will of the Father and You did it perfectly and completely. Grant me to live my life confident that You accomplished for me what I could not and thereby live thankfully and share joyfully this Good News with others. Further grant that I trust solely in You to empower me to live as a child of God. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

**WELCOME**

As our Lord's Passion neared, Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray. He took His disciples with Him and from them He took Peter, James and John further to keep watch for Him as He prayed. He found them sleeping and He said to them, "Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41)

It is good for you to be here this evening for this time of Vespers as we gather around God's Word to be strengthened in our faith through the forgiveness of our sins and thereby given resolve to live as God's people through the trials and temptations of life. If you are visiting we would especially like to welcome you and encourage you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions about Grace Lutheran Church we invite you to visit with our Pastor. If you are in need of our restroom facilities they are located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the Fellowship Hall. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for those who have need. If you have any questions please speak with an Usher or Greeter.

**AS WE GATHER**

Tonight we hear a word that brings closure and therefore fulfillment. This **CrossWord** this evening is "It is finished." What was prophesied by God's prophets is now completed in God's Son. The work necessary for your eternal salvation is an accomplished fact. This was done for you freely and completely according to God's plan. That plan was in place before mankind's time began. This is a mystery, which means that this is hidden from our understanding but is received by us through faith. We certainly want to be in control, take care of ourselves and contribute to our cause. Yet we cannot do so as it relates to our eternal salvation. Here we find God in control and Jesus completely yielding to His will, God's plan for all. "It is finished" gives us reason to rejoice with our "thanks be to God" in this season that also calls upon us to repent and remember our Baptisms where His work for us became ours by grace through faith.

# THE ORDER OF VESPERS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory - Jacob B. Weber*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

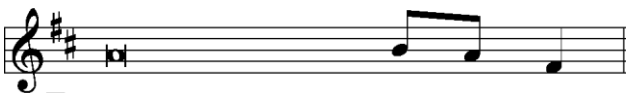
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*Stand*

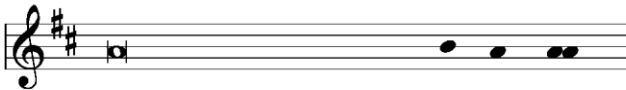
Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,




**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

*Lento*: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 22:1, 6–7, 14–20, 24*

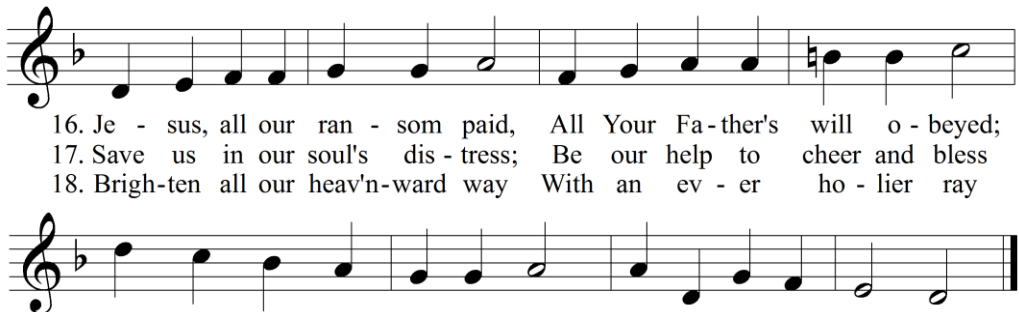
- P** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
**C** **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**
- P** But I am a worm and not a man,  
**C** **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
- P** All who see me mock me;  
**C** **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**
- P** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
**C** **my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**
- P** my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
**C** **you lay me in the dust of death.**
- P** For dogs encompass me;  
**C** **a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**
- P** I can count all my bones—  
**C** **they stare and gloat over me;**
- P** they divide my garments among them,  
**C** **and for my clothing they cast lots.**
- P** But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
**C** **O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**

- P** Deliver my soul from the sword,  
**C** my precious life from the power of the dog!
- P** For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,  
**C** but has heard, when he cried to him.
- 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

*Sit*

## Sermon Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 (st. 16-18)



16. Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's will o - beyed;  
 17. Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to cheer and bless  
 18. Brigh-ten all our heav'n-ward way With an ev - er ho - lier ray

By Your suff - rings per - fect made:  
 While we grow in ho - li - ness: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
 Till we pass to per - fect day:

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## Readings

### First Reading

*Hebrews 9:26–28*

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

## Holy Gospel

### *John 19:28–37*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Responsory for Lent

*Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8*

*Verse*

**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.

*Refrain*

**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

*"It is Finished!"*

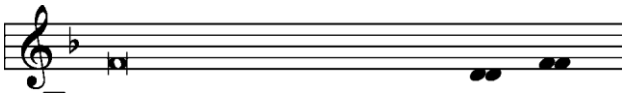
## Catechesis

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
- P** How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- C** Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."
- P** Who receives this Sacrament worthily?
- C** Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Stand*

## Canticle

## Antiphon

*Psalm 141:2*

**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

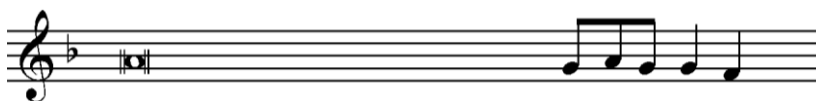
## Nunc Dimittis



**C** Lord now let Your ser-vant de-part in peace according



to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your sal-va-tion,



which You have prepared before the face of all peo-ple,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glory of Your people Is - rael.



Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it,



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Jesus, in Your Dying Woes - Camil Van Hulse*

*Stand*

# Prayer

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

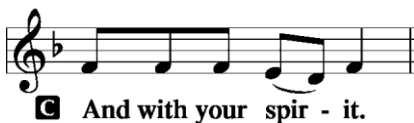
**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*





## Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen

## Collect for Peace

- P** O Lord God, the life of all the living, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, the repose of the blessed dead, grant us a peaceful night free from all disturbance that after a time of quiet slumber we may by Your goodness be endued in the new day with the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and enabled in peace to render thanks to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: Abide with Me

**LSB 878**

## Postlude

*Abide with Me - David Cherwien*



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