



## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2021**

### **AN ORDER OF VESPERS**

#### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **First Hymn:**

Officiant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. O Lord, open our lips.

**People:: And our mouth shall show proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: Make haste, O God, to deliver us.

**People: Make haste to help us, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our words of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Welcome to God's House**

May our Savior Jesus richly bless your worship and personal meditations on His Word during this season of Lent. We pray you will join us for our regular Sunday morning services as we meet to remember and celebrate Christ's love for us shown in His suffering and death on the cross in our behalf.

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

#### **First Lenten Service – February 24th**

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

(Mark 14:61-62) Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

**SEE HIS CROSS! ...IT'S GOD'S PLAN FROM BEGINNING TO END!**

#### **Second Midweek Lenten Service March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

(John 18:19-24) Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask

those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. SEE HIS CROSS! ...IT'S NO SECRET!

### **Third Midweek Lenten Service March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

(John 18:4-11) Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" SEE HIS CROSS! ...PUT YOUR SWORD AWAY!

### **Fourth Midweek Lenten Service March 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

(John 18:36-37) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." SEE HIS CROSS! ...OUR KING IS CRUCIFIED

### **Fifth Midweek Lenten Service March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Scripture Reading: A harmony of the Passion

(John 17:1-5) After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have

brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

**SEE HIS CROSS! ...GLORY BE TO JESUS!**

Devotional Discussion – Places of the Passion

### **Prayer of Repentance**

**Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole. Amen.**

### **For our Forgiveness**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.**

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn of praise**

Officiant:: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**People:: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

**Closing Hymn**