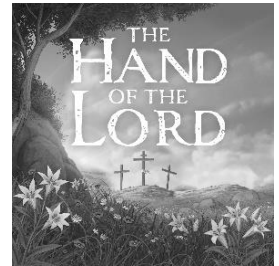


***The Hand of the Lord***  
**“The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead”**  
**Lent Midweek V, April 2, 2025**

The ultimate punishment for sin is death. God’s ultimate salvation is, as we confess in the Nicene Creed, “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” The risen, ascended, and reigning Lord promises to raise us daily in repentance and faith, and on the Last Day, free us from sin in eternal life in our human bodies. “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another” (Job 19:25–27).



**THE OPENING HYMN #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!

*(please stand)*

**THE INVOCATION AND THE OPENING SENTENCES** Joel 2:13; Isaiah 55:6–7

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents of disaster.**

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

**C: call upon Him while He is near.**

P: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**C: let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,  
 and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

## **THE PSALM** Psalm 130 (ESV)

**C: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!**

**O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

**But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is plentiful redemption.**

**And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus with a compassionate hand to stop death in its tracks.

**Bless us that we may ever hold fast to His promises for us through His death and  
resurrection. Help us to always remember our Baptism, where we have been united to both  
Christ's death and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY**

### **THE LENT RESPONSORY**

**P:** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P:** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P:** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

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## THE HYMN #420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (verses 1, 5-7)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion, And hast borne it  
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to  
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

## THE SERMON "The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead"

Text: Luke 7:11–17. Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

### THE HYMN #422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

*(please stand)*

## THE PRAYERS

### The Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Collects

P: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the challenges and changes of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father for all Your benefits. Bless us, and all the gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, including the food by which You give us our daily bread, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Father, where we have done wrong this day, forgive. Where we have spoken hastily, repair and calm with Your love. What we have ignored, supply the healing balm. Give us quiet rest; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE 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.**

*(please be seated)*

## THE CLOSING HYMN "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (LSB #883)



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - sings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

**5 When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.**

**△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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