

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

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EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

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**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *SHARING OF THE PEACE, AND *OPENING PRAYER

***SERVICE OF LIGHT**

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

C: **now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: **that the light of Your face may shine on us.**

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: **and may the poor be lifted up.**

***HYMN OF LIGHT:**

"O Light Whose Splendor"

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***THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

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P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***PSALMODY**

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(congregation sings all parts marked "C"; soloists sing all other parts)

***PSALMODY PRAYER**

P: Let us Pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C: **Amen.**

READING: Nehemiah 9:1-3, 6-8, 26-31

P: Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. . . "You are the LORD, You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You. You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. You found his heart faithful before You, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And You have kept Your promise, for You are righteous. . . Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against You and cast Your law behind their back and killed Your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to You, and they committed great blasphemies. Therefore You gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer. And in the time of their suffering they cried out to You and You heard them from heaven, and according to Your great mercies You gave them saviors who saved them from the hand of their enemies. But after they had rest they did evil again before You, and You abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them. Yet when they turned and cried to You, You heard from heaven, and many times You delivered them according to Your mercies. And You warned them in order to turn them back to Your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey Your commandments, but sinned against Your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. Many years You bore with them and warned them by Your Spirit through Your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless, in Your great mercies You did not make an end of them or forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful God."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord, to You I Make Confession"

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SERMON:

"I Said, I Will Confess My Sins unto the Lord"

***MAGNIFICAT**

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OFFERING:

(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)

CHOIR: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

***PRAYER**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For President Harrison, President Lange, and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Donald Trump, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

***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.

C: **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.**

***BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Abide with Me"

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