

LENTEN VESPERS

March 25, 2020, Office of Vespers

Theme: "The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

OPENING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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P. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C. **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

P. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C. **Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

PSALMODY

Psalm 34 (antiphon: v. 8)

P. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

C. **I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

C. **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!**

P. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

C. **Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

P. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

C. **The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

P. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

C. **Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!**

P. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

C. **Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

C. **Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.**

P. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C. **The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.**

P. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C. **When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C. **Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

P. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

C. **Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

P. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C. *(sung)* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

SCRIPTURE READINGS *After each reading:* P. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
C. **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.** (*sung*)

Deuteronomy 8:1-6, 17-18

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him...¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 14-17

¹For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did...¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

John 6:47-58

[Jesus said,] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Over the course of our Lenten services the Passion of Christ in Matthew 26-27 will be read.

Matthew 27:1-35

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.” ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the

Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”²² Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”²³ And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

PASSION HYMN

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

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**1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?**

**2. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!**

**3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature’s sin.**

**4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.**

**5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.**

CATECHISM LESSON

P. What is the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

C. **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P. What does this mean?

C. **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P. What is meant by daily bread?

C. **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

CATECHETICAL HYMN

Our Father, Who From Heav'n Above

LSB 766: 1, 5, 9

**1. Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**5. Give us this day our daily bread
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife.
In plague and famine spare our life.
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.**

**9. Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

SERMON

"WE NEED LIFE-GIVING BREAD FROM GOD"

Pastor Roth

RESPONSE HYMN

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

#659

**Feed Thy children, God most holy,
Comfort sinners poor and lowly;
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heavenly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.**

MAGNIFICAT HYMN

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

**1. My soul now magnifies the Lord;
My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard,
And I am blest for time to come.**

**2. For He alone who shows such might
Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light
Remains in time perpetually.**

**3. His arm is strong; His strength is great.
He scatters those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate,
Then gives the low His nourishment.**

**4. He feeds the hungry as His own;
The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel;
His gracious promise always stands.**

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P. ... world without end.

C. **Amen. (sung)**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus

**1. Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!**

**3. Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem!**

**5. Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.**

**2. Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!**

**4. Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**6. Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!**

Soli Deo Gloria!

