

Office of Matins
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020
8:30 a.m.



*Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.
LSB 849:1*

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Hymn 615 *When in the Hour of Deepest Need*



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Baptism of Caleb Joshua Whirrett



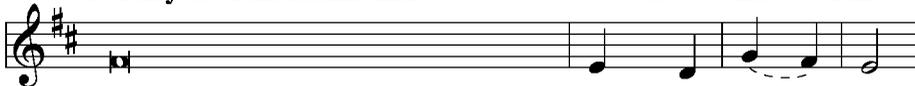
Opening Versicles

- L O Lord, open my lips,
 C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 C make haste to help me, O Lord.
 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.
 Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Venite



- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalm 142 (antiphon: v. 5)

Antiphon: I cry to you, | O LORD,*

I say, "You are my | refuge,



With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;*
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.

I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;*
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.

When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!*

In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice | of me;*
no refuge remains to me; no one cares | for my soul.

I cry to you, | O LORD;*

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."

Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!*
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!*

The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Antiphon

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:14–21*

The Messiah will give sight to the blind.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Ephesians 5:8–14*

We walk in a world full of darkness and we rely on Christ's Word and Spirit to guide us.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39*

Christ gives physical and spiritual sight to a man born blind.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Lent

1. We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
3. We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Hymn 849 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

Sermon *Jesus: Light, Mud, and Sight*



Canticle 936 *Sing Praise to the God of Israel*



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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The offering will be received at the door today.

Kyrie

L O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
L O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
L O Lord,
C **have mercy.**

Versicles

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
- L In the day of my trouble I call upon You;
C **for You answer me.**
- L Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- L For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus and Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

Hymn *LSB 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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!

Participants

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