

† LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE †
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Service of Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
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PRELUDE

St. Peter

William Greene

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (*Congregation rising*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

C From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:9)

C The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)

CONFESSION

P As we call upon the name of the Lord our God, let us confess our sin:

C Heavenly Father, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to keep Your commandments. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Because of the perfect obedience, atoning death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus:

C O Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Strengthen and preserve us in the true faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C O Lord, have mercy upon us.

P As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C O Lord, let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, 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. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFICE HYMN

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (v. 1-4)

LSB Hymn 524

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 22:9-18

⁹ When Abraham and Isaac reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his

son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord Will Provide." And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." ¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 3:7-12

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (*Congregation rising*)

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

GOSPEL

John 14:5-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵ Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CATECHISM REVIEW

P The Ten Commandments, as the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to the household. The Second Commandment:

C You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

SERMON "The 2nd Commandment: What's in a Name?" Rev. Mark Budenholzer

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ, the Word of God Incarnate (v. 1-4) **LSB Hymn 540**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Congregation rising*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, including those we lift up in the quiet of this moment...(pause), let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord, and trusting 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.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Heavenly Father, the great I AM, Your name is majestic in all the earth. Teach us to honor Your name by the way we live, to call upon it in every trouble, and to pray, praise and give thanks for Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (v. 1 and 3)

LSB Hymn 543

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Love

Austin Lovelace

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