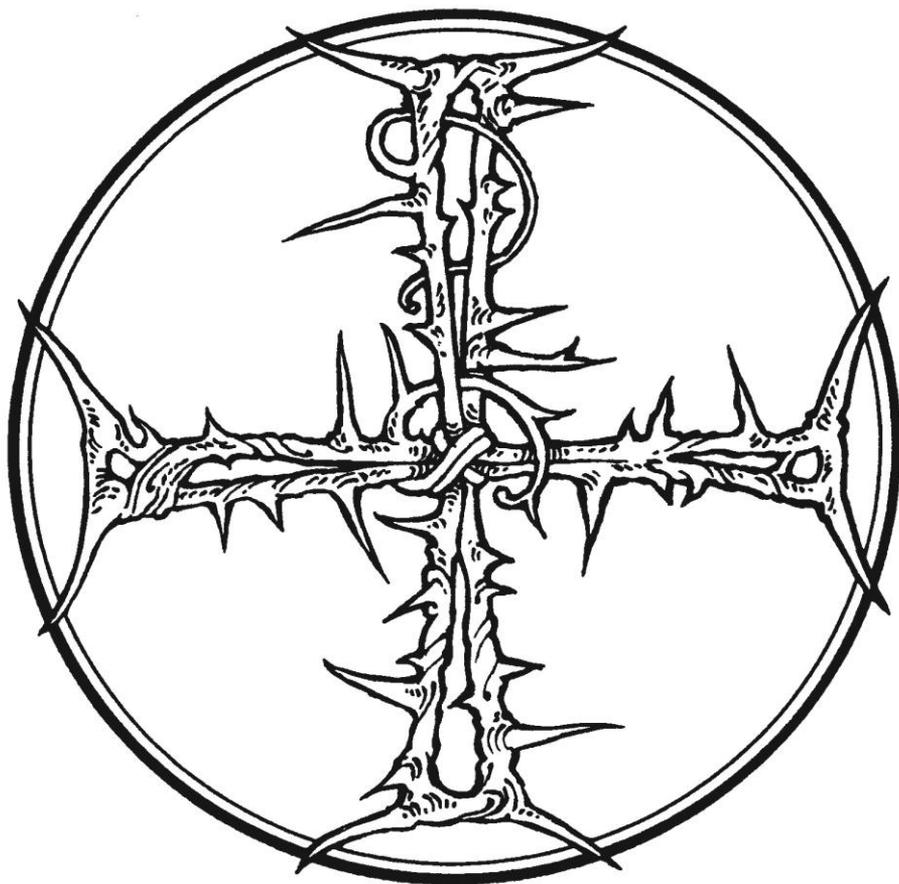


Fifth Wednesday in Lent

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Vespers

OPENING HYMN *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray* 768

- 1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
 For the true faith needed on our way
That He may defend us when life is ending
 And from exile home we are wending.
Lord, have mercy!

- 2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;
 Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
 Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.
Lord, have Mercy!

- 3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,
 Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
That we may not falter nor courage fail us
 When the foe shall taunt and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!

- 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;
 Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
 Till to our true home He has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

**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.**

PSALM 1 - *responsively*

¹Blessèd is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²**but his delight is in the Law of the LORD,
and on His Law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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.**

Sit

OFFICE HYMN

Our Father, Who from Heaven Above 766

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.

2 Your name be hallowed, Help us Lord,
In purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name
We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.

3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain
And Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day
With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;
Preserve Your Church from age to age.

4 Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey
Throughout our lives all that You say,
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
That sets itself against Your will

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.

- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.
- 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!"

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them

diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Second Reading

John 15:1-11

[Jesus said] ¹“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's

commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Sit

RESPONSORY - Lent

Psalm 51:14; 59:1; 141:8

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

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

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

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

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Maggard

Stand

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT – Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

**My Soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God,
my Savior; for He has regarded the lowliness of His hand-**

maiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. 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.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come to You.

COLLECTS

Prayer for A Blessed End to This Life And A Blessed Resurrection to Eternal Life

O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, crucified and raised again for us, by Your death, You destroyed death. By Your resurrection, You merited for us a blessed resurrection to eternal life. You are one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. I ask and beg You with my whole heart to grant me a blessed departure from this wretched life and a blessed entrance to eternal life on the day of resurrection and judgment. I know that an end to my life has been divinely appointed. I also know that judgment follows after death (Hebrews 9:27). Stand by me in death, You who died for me on the cross. Protect me in the day of judgment, You who were unjustly judged. When this earthly tent of mine has been destroyed (2 Corinthians 5), bring my soul into the dwelling of my heavenly home. When my eyes are darkened in the struggle of death, shine in my heart with the light of saving faith. When my ears are closed in the hour of death, cheer and console me with Your inner encouragement. When the cold sweat bursts forth from my dying members, remind me of Your bloody sweat that burst forth as the perfect payment for my sins and the remedy against the evil of my death (Luke 22:44). In this sweat, Your fervor for our redemption is manifest, in the blood, the price for our redemption, in its flowing down, the sufficiency of the price paid.

When in that last struggle speech begins to fail, grant that through the grace of the Holy Spirit I am able to sigh to You. When those last difficulties press on my heart, stand by me with the consolation and help of Your life-giving grace. Receive me, destitute of the help of all creatures, into Your care and protection. I beg You through Your most holy wounds endured as You suffered on the cross to grant that I am able to overcome

the fiery arrows of Satan with which he attacks me in death. I beg You because of the severest torments that You experienced during crucifixion to help me endure and overcome all the insults of the power of hell. May my last word in the light of this world be the same one with which You brought to completion all things on the cross: Please receive my spirit, which You bought back at such a high price, and commit it into Your hands (Luke 23:46).

May a blessed resurrection also follow a blessed death. In that day of severe judgment, exempt me from a harsh word, You who have protected me with Your assistance. May my sins remain hidden by the umbrella of Your grace (Psalm 32:1) and be cast into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19). May my soul be bound up in the bundle of the living God so with all the elect I may reach the eternal fellowship of joy.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

Serving Today

Organist - Gail James

Elder – Richard Franzen



All the following evening services will meet at church and be online at 7:00p.m.

April - Holy Week

1st - Maundy Thursday

2nd - Good Friday

3rd - Easter Vigil Service

EASTER SERVICES – Sunday Morning

4th – Sunrise Service – 7 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.

Divine Service – 9 a.m.

