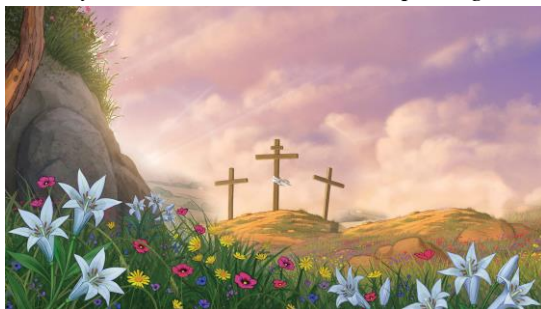


## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE 5, 2025

### THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO RAISES THE DEAD

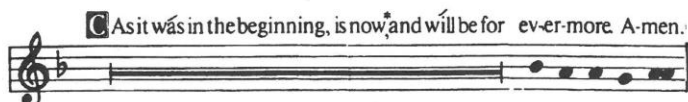
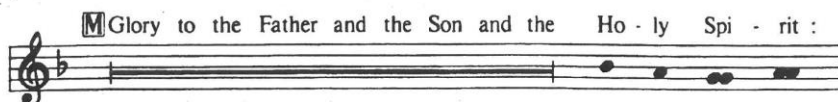
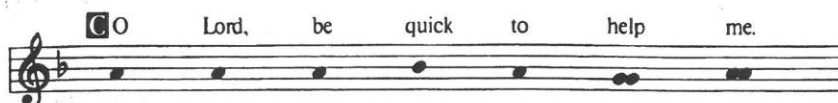
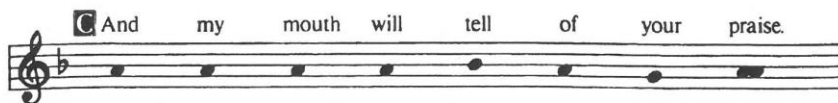
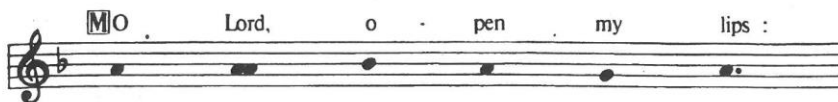
Lent is about repentance of sin and faith in God's forgiveness. When we confess our sins, we normally think about the wrongs we have committed, whether in thoughts, words, or deeds, as well as the good things we have failed to do. But sin is no simple or temporary issue. The ultimate punishment for sin is death. God's ultimate salvation is, as we confess in the Nicene Creed, "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Already in the Old Testament, the hand of the Lord raised individuals who had died, as at the hands of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Everyone believed that the Messiah, the Saviour, would raise the dead when He came. Tonight we hear of one such incident: Jesus raising the widow's son in Nain (Luke 7). When Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the tomb, it could no longer be denied who Jesus is. Jesus finally proved that He is, as He said, "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) by His own resurrection. In the resurrection, God has turned death from an enemy into the remedy in our deliverance from sin. The risen, ascended, and reigning Lord promises to raise us daily in repentance and faith, and on the Last Day, free us from sin in eternal life in our human bodies. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25–27).

*May the Lord bless our worship tonight*



*As the minister approaches the altar the congregation stands*

Organ



## LENT RESPONSORY

*LSB, p. 231*

- P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**  
P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.  
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

*The congregation sits*

## The Word That Spoke in Darkness

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark-ness And prom-ised com-ing light
- 2 The Sav-ior came to con-quer And meet His mis-sion's aim:
- 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic-t'ry With ev-'ry act of grace:
- 4 The Prince of Peace con-tin-ued With each new task com-plete



Kept guid-ing through the a-ges Un-til the time was right  
Up- end- ing Sa-tan's ter-ror, Cre-a-tion to re-claim  
The out-cast shown com-pas-sion And God's own ho-ly face  
At cross and tomb and glo-ry Up-on His roy-al seat,



To take on flesh and fol-low The Fa-ther's good com-mand  
By walk-ing on the wa-ters So we by faith may stand  
As Jes-sus looked with fa-vor On all from ev-'ry land  
De-liv-er-ance ac-com-plished Ex-act-ly as He planned;



And dwell a-mong His peo-ple, The king-dom now at hand.  
With trust in Him whose res-cue Is of-fered by His hand.  
Who need-ed life and heal-ing From His al-might-y hand.  
Our King will raise in wel-come His pierced and ris-en hand.

*The congregation stands*

## PSALM

*Psalm 118:14-18*

- P The LORD is my strength and my song;  
C **He has become my salvation.**  
P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:  
C **“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**  
P the right hand of the LORD exalts,  
C **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**  
P I shall not die, but I shall live,  
C **and recount the deeds of the LORD.**  
P The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
C **but He has not given me over to death.**  
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.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray.  
C **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Kings 17:8-24*

- P The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the

gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that He spoke by Elijah. <sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have You brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** (spoken together)

*Hebrews 12:2*

**O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

## **THE PASSION NARRATIVE**

### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from All Four Gospels**

*Portions selected from Matthew 26:15-27:66, Mark 14:12-15:47, Luke 22:7-23:56, and John 13:1-19:42, arranged chronologically to tell the story of the arrest, trials, suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord Jesus.*

*Events occur on Thursday and Friday, 13-14 Nissan (April 2-3), 33AD, in and around Jerusalem.*

### **Judas' Despair**

**MATTHEW 27:3** When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver coins back to the Chief Priests and elders. <sup>4</sup> He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

However, they said, "What is that to us? You should see to it!"

<sup>5</sup> He threw down the pieces of silver into the Temple and departed. Then he went away and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> The Chief Priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are the price of blood."

<sup>7</sup> They made the decision to use them to buy the Potter's Field, as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, that field has been called "the Field of Blood" to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, "I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who had been valued, whom those of the children of Israel had valued, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord had commanded me."

### **Jesus First Appearance Before Pilate**

*Jerusalem, Praetorium (Roman Headquarters, Northwest corner of the Temple Mount)*

**JOHN 18:28** They took Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's quarters. It was early in the morning. The Jews themselves did not go into the governor's quarters, to

avoid becoming unclean and to enable them to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So, Pilate came outside to them and asked, “What accusation are you bringing against this Man?”

<sup>30</sup> They answered him, “If He were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Pilate therefore told them, “You take Him and judge Him according to your Law!”

The Jews answered him, “We are not permitted to execute anyone.”

<sup>32</sup> This happened that the statement that Jesus had made might be fulfilled, when He indicated the kind of death He was going to die. <sup>LUKE 23:2</sup> They began to accuse Him: “We found that He makes our people disloyal, keeping them from paying taxes to Caesar. and saying that He is Christ, a King.” <sup>JOHN 18:33</sup> Then Pilate went into the governor’s quarters again and called for Jesus. He asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Are you saying this of yourself or have others told you about Me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own people and the Chief Priests have handed You over to me. What have You done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If My kingdom belonged to this world, My attendants would fight, to prevent Me from being handed over to the Jews. However, now My kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup> Therefore, Pilate asked Him, “Then are You a king?”

Jesus answered, “You are correct in saying that I am a king. I have been born for this reason and have come into the world for this reason, that I may testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice.” <sup>MATTHEW 27:11B</sup> “It is as you say.”

<sup>12</sup> While the Chief Priests and elders were accusing Him, He did not answer at all. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked Him, “Do You not hear how much testimony they are bringing against You?”

<sup>14</sup> However, Jesus made no reply to him, even about a single statement, so that the governor was very amazed. <sup>LUKE 23:4</sup> Pilate told the Chief Priests and the crowd, “I do not find this Man guilty at all.”

<sup>5</sup> However, they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people by teaching all over Judea. He began in Galilee and has come here.”

## **Pilate Sends Jesus to Herod**

### *Jerusalem, Herod's Palace*

LUKE 23:6 When Pilate heard that, he asked if the Man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> When he found out that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, because for a long time he had wanted to see Him. For he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some miracle done by Him. <sup>9</sup> Herod asked Him many questions, but Jesus did not answer him at all. <sup>10</sup> The Chief Priests and the scribes were standing there and accusing Him vehemently. <sup>11</sup> Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked Him. They put a splendid garment on Him and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> On that very day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other. For before this they had been enemies of each other.

## **Jesus' Second Appearance before Pilate**

### *Jerusalem, Praetorium*

LUKE 23:13 Then Pilate called the Chief Priests, the rulers and the people together. <sup>14</sup> He told them, "You have brought this Man to me as one who is inciting the people to rebellion. Now, look! I have examined this Man before you and found Him innocent of the charges that you are making against Him. <sup>15</sup> No, neither has Herod. For he has sent Him back to us, and, as you can see, He has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, I shall chastise Him and release Him." MATTHEW 27:15 At every feast the governor used to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they chose. <sup>16</sup> At that time they were holding a well-known prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, when the people had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus, who is called 'Christ'?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew that they had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent someone to tell him, "Do not have anything to do with that innocent Man! For I have suffered greatly today in a dream because of Him." <sup>20</sup> However, the Chief Priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus put to death. <sup>21</sup> The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" LUKE 23:18 <sup>8</sup> The whole crowd then began to shout aloud: "Away with this Man! Release Barabbas for us!" <sup>19</sup> Barabbas had been thrown into prison for a revolt that had taken place in the



city and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate spoke to them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. <sup>21</sup> However, they kept shouting, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

<sup>22</sup> Then Pilate spoke to them the third time, “No. What wrong has He done? I have found nothing in Him to make Him deserve to die. I shall therefore chastise Him and release Him.”

<sup>23</sup> However, they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He should be crucified. and their voices began to prevail.

### **“Behold the Man!”**

JOHN 19:1<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted a crown out of thorns and placed it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup> and kept going up to Him, saying, “Welcome, King of the Jews,” and slapped His face.

<sup>4</sup> Pilate went outside again and told them, “Look! I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no cause for complaint in Him.”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate told them, “Look at the Man!”

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the Chief Priests and the attendants saw Him, they shouted, “Crucify, crucify!”

Pilate told them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him! For I do not find any basis for a charge against Him.”

<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a Law, and according to the Law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard them say that, he was more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He went into the governor’s quarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are You from?”

However, Jesus did not give him an answer. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, Pilate asked Him, “Are You refusing to speak to me? Do You not realise that I have authority to free You and authority to crucify You?”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would not have any authority at all over Me if it had not been given to you from above. That is why the man who has handed Me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate kept trying to release Jesus, but the Jews shouted out, “If you let this Man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king is speaking against Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard these words, he took Jesus outside and sat down in the judge’s seat at a place called “the Stone Pavement,” or “Gabbatha” in

Aramaic. <sup>14</sup> It was the day of the Preparation of the Passover and about six in the morning. Pilate told the Jews, “Look at your King!”

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, they shouted, “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate asked them, “Am I to crucify your King?”

The Chief Priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

*After the Narrative:*

P Here ends the reading.

*The congregation stands*

### 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*The congregation sits*

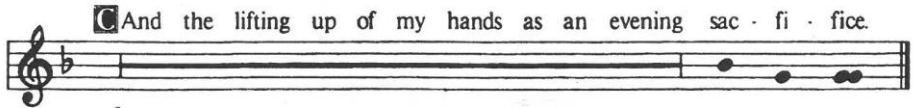
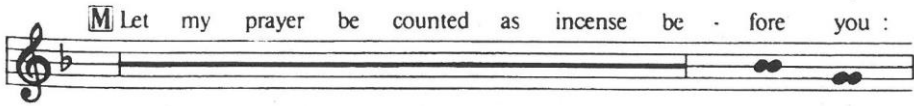
**HYMN** “Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters” (LSB 598)

**SERMON** Luke 7:11-17 The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead

**HYMN** “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (LSB 423)

*The congregation stands*

## THE CANTICLE



### PRAYER

P Let us pray:

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

*LSB, p. 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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

*LSB, p. 234*

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB*, p. 234

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN**

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” (*LSB* 424)