

Lent Day 12

Morning Office (observed between 6-9am)

The Call to Prayer

But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you. Ps.88:13

The Request for Presence

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ps 96:7

The Greeting

²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
to tell of all your works. Ps.73:28

The Refrain for Morning Lesson

¹ We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds. Ps75:1

The Reading

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it John 1:1-5

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Morning Psalm

¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
¹² I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.
¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples Ps 77:11-14

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Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as we enter our second week of Lent, give us the courage to examine our hearts. Help us to admit our sins of both doing and not doing. May we repent, turn again to you with great confidence that we will be forgiven and loved. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Father God, who has raised me from my bed and from sleep, enlighten my mind and heart, and open my lips that I may praise You today. Amen

Midday Office (observed 11am to 2 PM)

The Call to Prayer

A prayer of one afflicted, when faint and pleading before the LORD.
Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you. Ps.102:1

The request for Presence

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually Ps105:4

Greeting

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Ps.78:1

Refrain for Midday Lesson

⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake. Ps.79:9

Reading

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.John 3:16-17

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Midday Psalm

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:
² 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Selah
³ Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.' Ps 82:1-4

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Concluding Prayer of the Church

By the miraculous and simple actions of God in the world, we are moved to offer thanks and glory for the light that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, shines in the world. Amen

Vespers Office (to be observed 7-10 pm)

Call to Prayer

He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer. Ps 103:17

Request for Presence

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation. Ps.118:14

Greeting

⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you! Ps.82:8

Hymn A Mighty Fortress

Verse 10

With might of ours can naught be done
Soon were our loss effected
But for us fights the valiant One
Whom God Himself elected
Ask ye Who is this
Jesus Christ it is of sabaoth Lord
And there's none other God
He holds the field forever

Verse 11

Though devils all the world should fill
All eager to devour us
We tremble not we fear no ill
They shall not overpow'r us
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will
He can harm us none
He's judged the deed is done
One little word can fell him

Verse 12

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it

He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit
And take they our life
Goods fame child and wife
Though these all be gone
Our vict'ry has been won
The Kingdom ours remaineth

Refrain for Vesper Lesson

¹ O God, do not keep silence;
do not hold your peace or be still, O God! Ps 83:1

Vesper Psalm

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise Ps 84:1-4

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Concluding Prayer of the Church

Lent leads us – invites us – to have conversations about faith, our humanness, what it means to be Lutheran Christians, and the good news of Jesus Christ. We pray that God's Spirit will guide our discussions and free us to be curious, respectful and attentive to each person, and inspired to action. Amen.