

Lent Day 22

Morning Office (observed between 6-9am)

The Call to Prayer

Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me Ps.66:20

The Request for Presence

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
do not forsake me when my strength is spent. Ps.71:9

The Greeting

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Ps.105:3

The Refrain for Morning Lesson

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually. Ps.105:4

The Reading

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!'

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!' John 12:12-15

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Morning Psalm

⁴⁰ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people,
and he abhorred his heritage;
⁴¹ he gave them into the hand of the nations,
so that those who hated them ruled over them.
⁴² Their enemies oppressed them,
and they were brought into subjection under their power.
⁴³ Many times he delivered them,
but they were rebellious in their purposes,
and were brought low through their iniquity. Ps.106:40-43

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Lord's Prayer

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as we enter our third week of Lent, may your Spirit examine our hearts. Help us to be honest with ourselves. Help us to admit our sin. Help us to Repent and turn to you. We know all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God and that we need your grace and mercy. 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

Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck. Ps.69:1

The request for Presence

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help Ps.69:13

Greeting

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, Ps105:5

Refrain for Midday Lesson

¹ Praise the LORD!
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever. Ps.106:1

Reading

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

John 12:20-26

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Midday Psalm

⁴⁴ Nevertheless, he regarded their distress
when he heard their cry.

⁴⁵ For their sake he remembered his covenant,
and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁴⁶ He caused them to be pitied
by all who held them captive. Ps.106:40-46

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Prayer for the Week

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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

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me! Ps.70:1

Request for Presence

Awesome is God in his* sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people. Ps.68:35

Greeting

³ Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times Ps.106:3

Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**Jesus keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain**

Chorus 1

**In the cross in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river**

Verse 2

**Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me**

Verse 3

**Near the cross O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me**

Verse 4

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river**

Refrain for Vesper Lesson

² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,
or declare all his praise? Ps 106:2

Vesper Psalm

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. Ps.107:1-3

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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.