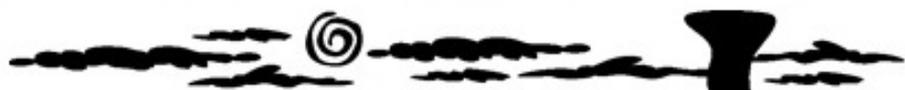


# MIDWEEK



# LENT



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## VERSICLES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- 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.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## PSALMODY

*Psalms 130*

- P** Out of the depths  
**C** **I cry to you, O Lord!**
- P** O Lord, hear my voice!  
**C** **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for  
mercy!**
- P** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
**C** **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But with you there is forgiveness,  
**C** **that you may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
**C** **and in his word I hope;**
- P** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
**C** **more than watchmen for the morning.**
- P** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
**C** **and with him is plentiful redemption.**
- P** And he will redeem Israel  
**C** **from all his iniquities.**
- 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.**

OFFICE HYMN, "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

No. 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefts a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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**FIRST READING**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)*

**37** The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. **2** And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. **3** And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." **4** Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. **5** Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6** And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

**7** So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no

breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

**P** O Lord have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 15:35–49 (ESV)*

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**P** O Lord have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORY (LENT)

**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.**

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### SERMON: "Standing on Their Feet"

*Exodus 17:1-7*

### MAGNIFICAT, "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"

*No. 934*



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## PRAYER

### KYRIE (Intro)



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### COLLECT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L27)

**C** **Amen.**

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

**P** ... with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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**C** **Amen.**

**P** ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** O God, ... one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### BENEDICTION

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

No. 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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The midweek services during Lent this year will draw on the Old Testament lesson for each preceding Sunday. Christ is always the author and the content of the Scriptures, and this is no less true in the Old Testament. Thus these readings all speak of Christ, some more obviously, and some less, but all of them can only be correctly interpreted when Christ and His atoning death for sinners is seen as the key that unlocks the mystery.

There will be one notable exception to this pattern. This year, Lent falls such that March 25 is on a Wednesday during Lent. March 25 is precisely nine months before Christmas. On December 25, we celebrate the birth of Christ, but on March 25, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the virgin Mary. This is the day when the angel Gabriel announced (*the Annunciation*) that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and she would be the mother of the Lord and bear a Son, and His name would be called Jesus. And although Lent is normally a solemn time, it is most proper to celebrate the Annunciation of Our Lord with all its joy, even in the midst of Lent. Make a special effort to join us on this most joyous occasion, the feast of God becoming man, man to deliver.



**March 18** – “Passing Before the People”

**March 25** – “Let It Be to Me, According to Your Word”  
(The Annunciation)

**April 1** – “Standing on Their Feet”

**April 9** – “The Blood of the Lamb”

**April 10** – “Behold! Your King!”

Join us each Wednesday of Lent for psalms, readings, hymns, and prayers. The meal begins at 6:00 pm, classes at 6:30 pm, and Vespers at 7:30 pm. See you there!