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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

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OPENING SENTENCES

P: Now is the time of God's favour:

C: Now is the day of salvation.

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: and may the poor be lifted up.

HYMN: O Light Whose Splendor (Tune of "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended")

1. O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens

With radiance brighter than the sun,

Pure gleam of God's unending glory,

O Jesus, blest Anointed One;

2. As twilight hovers near at sunset,

and lamps are lit, and children nod,

In evening hymns we lift our voices

To Father, Spirit, Son; one God.

3. In all life's brilliant timeless moments

Let faithful voices sing Your praise,

O Son of God, our life bestower,

Whose glory lightens endless days.

PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 121

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-9 and Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

RESPONSORY

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

798 – The God of Abraham praise (verses 1-4)

SERMON

MAGNIFICAT (Tune of “In Thee is gladness”)

**1. My soul rejoices, My spirit voices
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Saviour, Has shown me favour
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God who is solely, Mighty and holy
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord.
His tender mercy shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

**2. His arm now baring, His strength declaring
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted, The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry, Empty, the wealthy
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token, All that was spoken,
To Abr'am's offspring God is fulfilling
Oh, sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

LITANY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For (chairman...) and for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all her people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who bring offerings, for those who do good works in this congregation, for those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favourable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and who are with Christ let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

(Time for silent, individual petitions...)

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

C: To You, O Lord.

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 the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

P & C: Our Father...

THE APOSTLES CREED

P&C: I believe in God...

PRAYER

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but that Your hand is leading us and Your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The Almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

HYMN

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Church Calendar

- 5 Mar Online Ladies Bible study with Cynthia Lumley at 3pm
- 8 Mar Third Sunday in Lent
 - Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8am
- 12 Mar Ascension's Church Council Meeting at 7pm



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