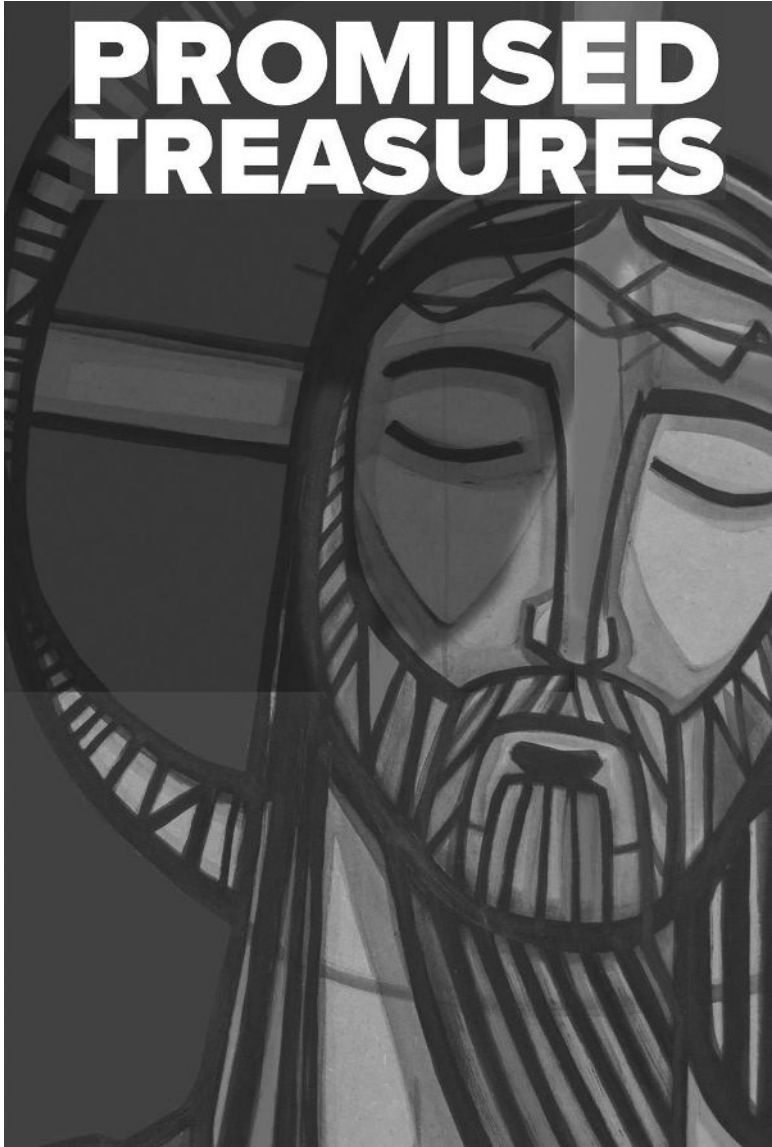


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*Midweek Lent Worship*   March 1, 2023

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## Midweek of Lent 1

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### SALT THAT SWEETENS AND PRESERVES

We are blessed to be God's children—cleansed of sin, renewed by the Spirit, and salted in Christ Jesus. The promised treasures in God's Word remind us of the importance of salt, which both sweetens and preserves things for our enjoyment. When Paul reminds us to let our conversations be "seasoned with salt" (Colossians 4:6), and when Jesus tells us that we are "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), the image is rich, for it is not only visual, but it also engages the sense of taste. We are reminded today that we are blessed to sweeten this world with the presence of Christ in us, even as Jesus Himself preserves our lives through His Word and Spirit.

# VESPERS

## Opening Versicles

LSB 229

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** 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.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

## Psalm

Psalm 107:28–36

- L** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
**C** and He delivered them from their distress.
- L** He made the storm be still,  
**C** and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- L** Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
**C** and He brought them to their desired haven.
- L** Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,  
**C** for His wondrous works to the children of men!
- L** Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,  
**C** and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.
- L** He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,  
**C** a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants.
- L** He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.  
**C** And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in.
- 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.

# O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past,  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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## Readings

### Reading

2 Kings 2:19–22

**L** A reading from Second Kings, the second chapter.

<sup>19</sup>Now the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful." <sup>20</sup>He said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." <sup>22</sup>So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Colossians 4:2–6*

**L** A reading from Colossians, the fourth chapter.

<sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

<sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup>that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup>Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## Reading

*Matthew 5:13–16*

**L** A reading from St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

## Lent Responsory

*LSB 231*

**L** 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.**

**L** 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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**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

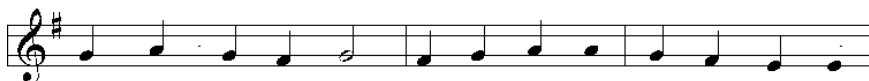
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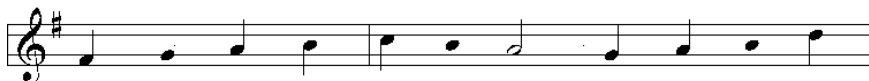
1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## Sermon Salt: The Gift That Sweetens and Preserves



### Canticle

### Antiphon

LSB 231

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

## Magnificat

LSB 231

- L** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- C** **for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**
- L** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- C** **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;**
- L** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- C** **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
- L** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- C** **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**
- L** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- 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.**

## Prayers

### Kyrie

LSB 233

- L** Lord, have mercy;
- C** **Christ, have mercy;**
- L** Lord, have mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 233

- 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.**

## Collects

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, You call Your people to be the salt of the earth, to sweeten and preserve this world even as You have sweetened our lives with Your forgiveness and have preserved us by Your Spirit. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

**C** **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

**L** Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

**C** **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

**L** Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

**C** **Enable us to see that we are the salt of the earth, preserved by Your grace and sweetened by Your forgiveness.**

**L** Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

**C** **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## Collect for Peace

LSB 233

**L** 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.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234

**L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C** Amen.

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

*Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season*



### Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



### Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



### Easter Services

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at

6:00 am (*sunrise*)

8:00 am (*traditional*) & 10:45 am (*blended*)