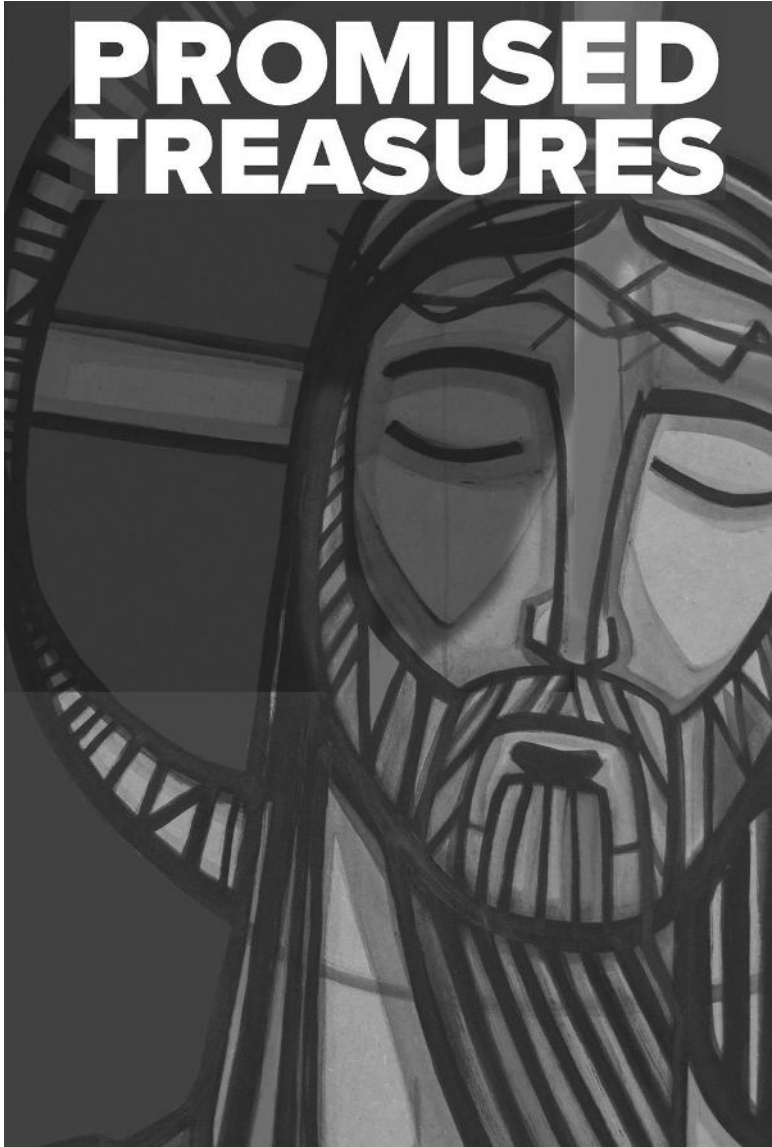


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## Midweek of Lent 2

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### WATER GIVES ME LIFE

Water is life. Water is everywhere. Not only is this true in the world around us, but it is also true in the Scriptures. Throughout the Bible, we witness our Creator giving us new life—cleansing, reshaping, even re-creating—through the water of the Spirit and through the living and active Word of Jesus. Today our attention is drawn to the promised treasure of the life-giving water that God uses to claim us as His children and unite us to His Son's death and resurrection. With the Savior, who steps into the water with us, we "daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever" (Small Catechism, Baptism, Fourth Part).

# VESPERS

## Opening Versicles

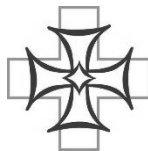
LSB 229

- 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 23

- L** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside  
still waters.**
- L** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.
- C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,**
- L** for You are with me;
- C** **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- L** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- L** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD 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.**



# Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## Readings

### Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

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

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

<sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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

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

## Reading

*1 Peter 3:17–22*

**L** A reading from First Peter, the third chapter.

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

<sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

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

## Reading

*John 3:1-8*

**L** A reading from St. John, the third chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

**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.**

**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.**

# Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion,  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You.  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the caus has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

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## Sermon

## Water Gives You Life



## Canticle

### Antiphon

LSB 231

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

### Magnificat

LSB 231

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

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





- 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, through water You reshape and restore Your fallen creation, entering our lives in Baptism so that we may be cleansed 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 the blessings You have poured out into our lives through the washing of water with the Word.**

**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.

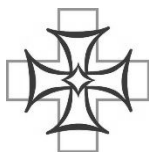
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.**

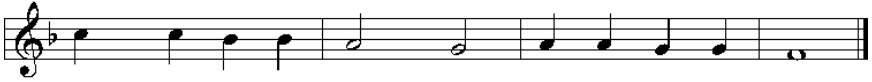


# Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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## Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

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



### Midweek Lent Services

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*)