

THE WAY OF GRACE

A SERMON SERIES ON
THE SACRAMENTS



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March 18, 2026, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lent 4 Vespers

Prelude

Stand

Opening Hymn: 433 Glory Be to Jesus

Lent Versicles

- 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

Psalm 142

With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.

When my spirit faints within me,
you know my way!

**In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.**

Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
**no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.**

I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

**Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!**

Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!

**Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!**

The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 25:6–8

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 25.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Mark 14:22–25

L A reading from Mark, chapter 14.

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Lent

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.

Office Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Antiphon

L Behold, now is the favorable time;

C behold, now is the day of salvation.

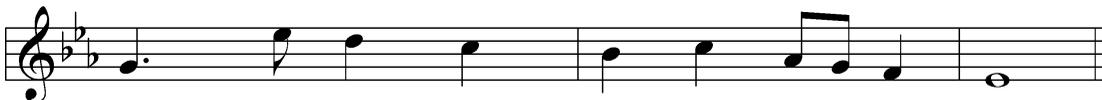
Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



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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Sit
Offering

Prayer

Stand
Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Introduction to Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Collect

L Lord Jesus, Alpha and Omega, in Your suffering and death You were making all things new, and from that tree You brought Your work of redemption to an end by declaring, "It is finished." Be our beginning and our end, that our weeping now at Your table here below may prepare us to feast at Your heavenly banquet, where You will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Collect for Peace

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

L 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.

Hymn to Depart: 456 Were You There

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