



**Midweek Lenten Service
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OPENING: Bringing in the Light of Christ

*P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

***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 OF LIGHT: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

ELW 561

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

*P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.**

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

***C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P: We give you thanks, oh God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***C: Amen**

PSALM 17

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

² **From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ **As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

⁶ **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

**¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.**

¹¹ They flush me out;^[a] now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

**¹² They are like a lion eager to tear,
like a young lion lurking in ambush.**

¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,

**¹⁴ from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.**

**May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.**

¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

HYMN

Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

ELW 621

READING

Job:1:1-22

A reading from Job the 1st Chapter:

1 There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. **2** There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. **3** He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East. **4** His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another's houses in turn, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5** And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all, for Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This is what Job always did.

⁶ One day the heavenly beings^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser^[b] also came among them. ⁷ The LORD said to the accuser,^[c] “Where have you come from?” The accuser^[d] answered the LORD, “From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it.” ⁸ The LORD said to the accuser,^[e] “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.” ⁹ Then the accuser^[f] answered the LORD, “Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰ Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹ But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” ¹² The LORD said to the accuser,^[g] “Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!” So the accuser^[h] went out from the presence of the LORD.

¹³ One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother’s house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another came and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.” ¹⁸ While he was still speaking, another came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house, ¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.”

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. ²¹ He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

²² In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.

Homily and period of silent reflection.

P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by prophets,

C: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

***GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

PRAYERS

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the 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 the health of the creation for abundant harvest that all may share and for peaceful times let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord have mercy.**

*P: For those who travel for those who are sick and suffering and for those who are in captivity let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord have mercy.**

*P: For deliverance in the time of affliction wrath danger and need let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord have mercy.**

*P: For all servants of the church for this assembly and for all people who wait from the Lord's great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord have mercy.**

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

(A time of silence)

*P: Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest rejoicing in the communion of all the Saints we commend ourselves one another and our whole life to you through Christ our Lord.

***C: To you O Lord.**

*P: O 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 only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

***P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

**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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

As we leave the worship space, let us greet one another with a sign of peace.