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The Fifth Midweek Service in Lent  
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## Opening Hymn: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440

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| 1 Jesus, I will ponder now<br>On Your holy passion;<br>With Your Spirit me endow<br>For such meditation.<br>Grant that I in love and faith<br>May the image cherish<br>Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death<br>That I may not perish.                                      | 4 Grant that I Your passion view<br>With repentant grieving.<br>Let me not bring shame to You<br>By unholy living.<br>How could I refuse to shun<br>Ev’ry sinful pleasure<br>Since for me God’s only Son<br>Suffered without measure?            |
| 2 Make me see Your great distress,<br>Anguish, and affliction,<br>Bonds and stripes and wretchedness<br>And Your crucifixion;<br>Make me see how scourge and rod,<br>Spear and nails did wound You,<br>How for them You died, O God,<br>Who with thorns had crowned You. | 5 If my sins give me alarm<br>And my conscience grieve me,<br>Let Your cross my fear disarm;<br>Peace of conscience give me.<br>Help me see forgiveness won<br>By Your holy passion.<br>If for me He slays His Son,<br>God must have compassion! |
| 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone<br>Make me see Your passion,<br>But its cause to me make known<br>And its termination.<br>Ah! I also and my sin<br>Wrought Your deep affliction;<br>This indeed the cause has been<br>Of Your crucifixion.                                 | 6 Graciously my faith renew;<br>Help me bear my crosses,<br>Learning humbleness from You,<br>Peace mid pain and losses.<br>May I give You love for love!<br>Hear me, O my Savior,<br>That I may in heav’n above<br>Sing Your praise forever.     |

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## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.  
**L** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.  
**L** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
**C** He was bruised for our iniquities.

- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
**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.

## Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*



**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."  
*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.



## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*1 Kings 21:1–16*

**[L]** A reading from 1 Kings, the twenty-first chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>And after this Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” <sup>3</sup>But Naboth said to Ahab, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” <sup>4</sup>And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food.

<sup>5</sup>But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, “Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’ And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” <sup>7</sup>And Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

<sup>8</sup>So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. <sup>9</sup>And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>10</sup>And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out and stone him to death.” <sup>11</sup>And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, <sup>12</sup>they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>13</sup>And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth cursed God and the king.” So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. <sup>14</sup>Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.”

<sup>15</sup>As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused

to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” <sup>16</sup>And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **[6:30] Anthem: “Two Songs of Hope and Rest” Introductory Handbell Choir**

### **Responsory**

**L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

### **Ten Commandments**

**C** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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.**

## Catechetical Instruction

### Hymn of the Day: “These Are the Holy Ten Commands”

**LSB 581**

*sts. 1, 10–12*

- 1 These are the holy Ten Commands  
God gave to us by Moses' hands  
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,  
Receiving them for our good.  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 10 “You shall not crave your neighbor's house  
Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.  
Pray God He would your neighbor bless  
As you yourself wish success.”  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 11 You have this Law to see therein  
That you have not been free from sin  
But also that you clearly see  
How pure toward God life should be.  
Have mercy, Lord!
- 12 Our works cannot salvation gain;  
They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,  
Who pleads for us endlessly.  
Have mercy, Lord!

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## Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

- L** Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.  
Amen.

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: “Now the Light Has Gone Away”

LSB 887

- 1 Now the light has gone away;  
Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee to watch and keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.
- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away  
All that has been wrong today;  
Help me ev’ry day to be  
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be  
Always near and dear to Thee;  
O bring me and all I love  
To Thy happy home above.

- 4    Now my evening praise I give;  
      Thou didst die that I might live.  
      All my blessings come from Thee;  
      Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5    Thou, my best and kindest Friend,  
      Thou wilt love me to the end.  
      Let me love Thee more and more,  
      Always better than before.

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.....	[6:30] Barb Anderson
Special Music .....	[6:30] Introductory Handbell Choir
Elder of the Day.....	[6:30] Lon Whitehead