

# Midweek Lenten Service

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## AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we encounter Jesus acting in a way that is somewhat unfamiliar to us: He is angry and forceful, clearing the temple of all those who have turned His Father's house into a den of robbers. We would do well to consider if God's house in our own church is what Jesus desires: a house of prayer for all nations.

**HYMN**            **# 418 – O Lord Throughout Theses Forty Days**

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:**            In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**            **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**    *LSB, p. 229*

**Pastor:**            O Lord, open my lips,

**People:**            **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**Pastor:**            Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People:**            **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

**PSALM**            *Psalm 11*

<sup>1</sup> In the LORD I take refuge;  
how can you say to my soul,

“Flee like a bird to your mountain,

<sup>2</sup> for behold, the wicked bend the bow;

they have fitted their arrow to the string  
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;  
<sup>3</sup> if the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?"

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven;  
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous,  
but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves  
violence.

<sup>6</sup> Let him rain coals on the wicked;  
fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of  
their cup.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:**           **Amen.**

**READING**    *Isaiah 56:1–8*

(The house of the Lord is for all nations and peoples.)

Lector:            O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**READING**    *1 Peter 1:13–21*

(Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, we are called to act in holiness.)

Lector:            O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**READING**    *Mark 11:15–19*            (Jesus cleanses the temple.)

Lector:            O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN #560 - “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”**

**THE LITANY**

Pastor:            O Lord,

**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:            O Christ,

**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:           O Lord,  
**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:           O Christ,  
**People:**           **hear us.**

Pastor:           God the Father in heaven,  
**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:           God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:           God the Holy Spirit,  
**People:**           **have mercy.**

Pastor:           Be gracious to us.  
**People:**           **Spare us, good Lord.**

Pastor:           Be gracious to us.  
**People:**           **Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor:           By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:  
**People:**           **Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor:           In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  
**People:**           **Help us, good Lord.**

Pastor:           We poor sinners implore You  
**People:**           **to hear us, O Lord.**

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers,  
[*especially*];  
give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and have mercy on us all:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**People: we implore You to hear us.**

Pastor: O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are Your own; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**           **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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:**           The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:**                       **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**       *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:**           People of God, who have returned and are  
                          reconciled and rewarded, receive the blessing of our  
                          Lord.

                          The Lord bless you and keep you.

                          The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
                          gracious to you.

                          The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you  
                          peace.

**People:**                       **Amen.**

## **HYMN # 771 – Be still My Soul, Before the Lord**

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