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Second Wednesday in Lent

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## Prelude

### Proclamation Hymn *Please Stand*

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

- ♪ Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?
- ♪ Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
- ♪ Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died For His own creatures' sin.
- ♪ Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
- ♪ But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

### Psalmody *Please Be Seated*

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

**What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?**

Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**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.**

## Confession and Absolution

### The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious Father, for the joy set before Him, Your Son, Jesus, endured the suffering of the cross. In our suffering, O Lord, strengthen our faith that we may know Your companionship in our darkest hours; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn Introduction

### The Hymn

*Alternate Tune: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

"The Tree of Life"

- ♪ The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.
- ♪ The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.
- ♪ What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need-  
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- ♪ Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:12–19

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

## Prayer Response

### The Epistle

Hebrews 2:11–15

<sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

### Gradual Hymn

“Glory Be to Jesus”

- ♪ Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- ♪ Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- ♪ Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- ♪ Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
- ♪ Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- ♪ Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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### Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 22:52–62

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” <sup>58</sup>And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” <sup>59</sup>And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said

to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

### **The Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“A Mighty Fortress”

- ♪ A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and wea-pon;  
He helps us free from ev’-ry need That hath us now o’ertak-en.  
The o-ld e-vil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are His dread arms in fight; On earth is not His e-qual.
- ♪ With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effect-ed;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elect-ed.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there’s none other God; He holds the field forev-er.
- ♪ Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour- us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow-‘r us.  
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.  
He’s judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell- him.
- ♪ The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for- it;  
He’s by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spir-it.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,  
Our vict’ry has been own; The Kingdom ours remain-eth.

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Jesus: Our Conqueror”

Luke 22:52–62

### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

- ♪ On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!

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## **Door Offering**