

✠ SERVICE OF VESPERS ✠

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO CREATES AND SAVES

The God who is Creator of all came to save us from sin and death in the incarnate Son of Mary, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is God. He first revealed Himself to Moses with the holy name “I AM,” saying, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:14). When Jesus came to His disciples walking on the crashing waves of the sea of Galilee, He said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). “It is I” is the same term for the divine name, “I AM.” As He reached out His hand and grabbed the fearful, doubting, sinking Simon Peter, so does His compassionate hand save you in times of despair and helplessness. His greatest deliverance was when He allowed His hands to be nailed to a cross for your sins. As we are helpless like drowning Peter, our repentant prayer this day is in the words of the hymn, “Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling” (*LSB* 761:3).

Stand

OPENING VERSES

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

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

Cong.: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Cong.: 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 ✠

SERIES PSALM

(Psalm 143:antiphon: v.6)



Cong.: 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 a- | venger.**

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 mind- | ful 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,*

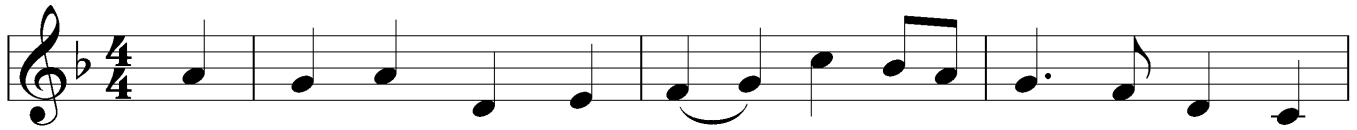
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.

O | LORD our Lord,*

how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!

Sit

SERIES HYMN "The Word That Spoke in Darkness"



1 The Word that spoke in dark - ness And prom - ised com - ing
 2 The Sav - ior came to con - quer And meet His mis - sion's
 3 The Christ pro - claimed His vic - t'ry With ev - 'ry act of
 4 The Prince of Peace con - tin - ued With each new task com -



light Kept guid - ing through the a - ges Un - til the time was
 aim: Up - end - ing Sa - tan's ter - ror, Cre - a - tion to re -
 grace: The out - cast shown com - pas - sion And God's own ho - ly
 plete At cross and tomb and glo - ry Up - on His roy - al



right To take on flesh and fol - low The Fa - ther's good com -
 claim By walk - ing on the wa - ters So we by faith may
 face As Je - sus looked with fa - vor On all from ev - 'ry
 seat, De - liv - er - ance ac - com - plished Ex - act - ly as He



mand And dwell a - mong His peo - ple, The king - dom now at hand.
 stand With trust in Him whose res - cue Is of - fered by His hand.
 land Who need - ed life and heal - ing From His al - might - y hand.
 planned; Our King will raise in wel - come His pierced and ris - en hand.

Lisa Clark

King's Lynn / English

Coll. And arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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CELLO / PIANO DUET

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

arr. B. C. Dokery

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

First Reading (page 422 in the pew Bibles)

Job 9:1-12

Elder: A Reading from Job, the ninth chapter.

Then Job answered and said: “Truly I know that it is so:
But how can a man be in the right before God?
If one wished to contend with him,
one could not answer him once in a thousand times.
He is wise in heart and mighty in strength
—who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?—
he who removes mountains, and they know it not,
when he overturns them in his anger,
who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble;
who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars;
who alone stretched out the heavens
and trampled the waves of the sea;
who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;
who does great things beyond searching out,
and marvelous things beyond number.
Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not;
he moves on, but I do not perceive him.
Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back?
Who will say to him, ‘What are you doing?’”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (page 976 in the pew Bibles)

Ephesians 2:1-10

Elder: A Reading from Ephesians, the second chapter.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Reading (page 820 in the pew Bibles)

Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor: A Reading from St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Sit

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

Cong.: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

Cong.: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

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HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This” [LSB hymn 543]



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

SERMON

“The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves”

(Pastor Mark Pierson)

Stand

✠ CANTICLE ✠

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

Cong.: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT [LSB hymn 248]

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

1 For _____ He has re- _____ garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spirit;

1 For be-hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be- _____ ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen-er-ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt- _____ ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A-men. *Refrain*

OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Mathew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Cong.: And let my cry come to You.

Pastor: O God, our Creator and Redeemer, "Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law's demands." Therefore "nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling." Increase our faith and trust in You that we may walk confidently amid the troubles and reverses of life, knowing that Your gracious hands are evermore leading us, guiding us, and saving us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Lord 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.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Cong.: 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.

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.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

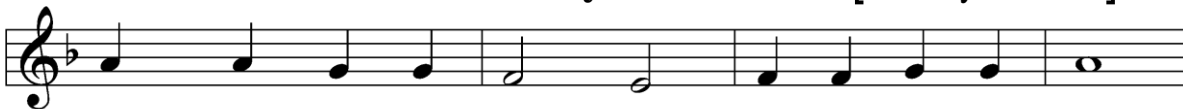
Cong.: Thanks be to God.

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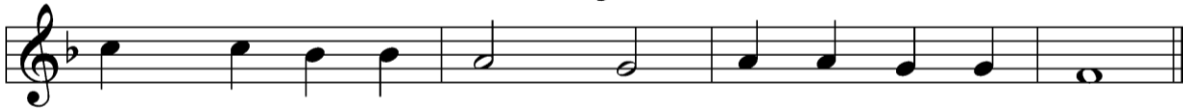
Pastor: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN “Glory Be to Jesus” [LSB hymn 433]



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE THIS EVENING

	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
Acolyte/Elder/Reader	Steve Snyder	Adam Volkert
Organ:		Matt Laub
Pianist:	Beth Hansen	Beth Hansen
Cello:		Jane Levy

2025 LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE HAND OF THE LORD

Wednesday Services at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Soup supper at 5:30 PM

March 19	“The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves”	Pastor Pierson
March 26	“The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick”	Pastor Jeong
April 2	“The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things”	Pastor Jasa
April 9	“The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead”	Pastor Pierson
April 13	Palm Sunday Divine Service	<i>8:00 AM & 11:00 AM</i>
April 17	Maundy Thursday Divine Service	<i>4:00 PM & 7:00 PM</i> “The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us”
April 18	Good Friday Service of the Word	<i>4:00 PM & 7:00 PM</i> “The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us”
April 19	Easter Vigil Divine Service	<i>7:00 PM</i> “The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us”
April 20	Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Service	<i>8:00 AM & 11:00 AM</i> “The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen”

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Our mission is to receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, worship Him and grow in his grace and to share those Holy gifts, by making disciples for Christ, who reach out joyfully to the world around them.

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