

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2022
7:00PM

LENT EVENING PRAYER PROPERS INSERT

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PSALM 73:23-28

The Psalm is read responsively by verses. The pastor begins.

P: Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

C: Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand.

P: You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.

C: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.

P: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

C: For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You.

P: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of Your people and You know those whose hearts are pure and who trust in You above all things. Deliver us from the deceptions of this world and the lies of the enemy that we may follow You and listen to the sound of Your voice speaking salvation through Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 11:24-28. Righteous and unrighteous

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. ²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. ²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, Sowing and reaping

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:1-11, Jesus anointed

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.”

⁹When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: The Light shines in the darkness

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

All who are able, stand

HYMN: “Glory Be to Jesus” LBW 95

(Green book)

**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.**

All sit

MEDITATION

All who are able, stand

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