

Lent 2021

Wednesday – February 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm. Worship

The Eternal Name



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“I AM”

Midweek 1: “I Am the Light of the World”

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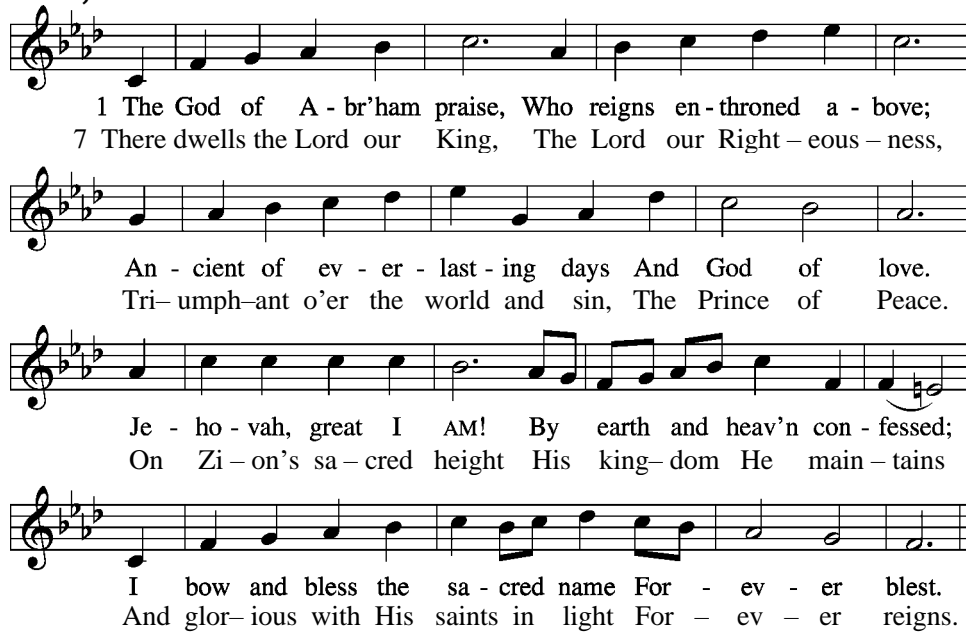
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† Call to Worship †

Hymn 798:1, 7 “The God of Abraham Praise”



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 7 There dwells the Lord our King, The Lord our Right - eous - ness,
 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 Tri - umph - ant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
 Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains
 I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And glor - ious with His saints in light For - ev - er reigns.

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The Reading of the Passion: Mark 14:1-25

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, “*Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.*”

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “*Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.*” And they scolded her.

⁶But Jesus said, “*Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.*”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “*Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?*”

¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “*Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’*

¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “*Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.*”

¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “*Is it I?*” ²⁰He said to them, “*It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.*”

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “*Take; this is my body.*” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to

them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, ***“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”***

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Versicles

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 36:1-12

P ¹Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart;

C **there is no fear of God before his eyes.**

P ²For he flatters himself in his own eyes

C **that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

P ³The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;

C **he has ceased to act wisely and do good.**

P ⁴He plots trouble while on his bed;

C **he sets himself in a way that is not good;**

he does not reject evil.

P ⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

C **your faithfulness to the clouds.**

P ⁶Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

your judgments are like the great deep;

C **man and beast you save, O LORD.**

P ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

P ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,

C **and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

P ⁹For with you is the fountain of life;

C **in your light do we see light.**

P ¹⁰Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

C **and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

P ¹¹Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,

C **nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.**

P ¹²There the evildoers lie fallen;

C **they are thrust down, unable to rise.**

ALL **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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 13:21-22

P The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, the thirteenth chapter.

²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²²The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8 LSB 231

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

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

Epistle: Revelation 1:9-19

P The Epistle is from Revelation, the first chapter.

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, ***"Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."***

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ***"Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this."***

Responsory

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

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

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 8:12-18

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."***

¹³So the Pharisees said to him, *"You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."*

¹⁴Jesus answered, ***"Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."***

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

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

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

Sit

Hymn # 810 "O God of God, O Light of Light"



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His

King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of
 wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our
 mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on

praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!

The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -

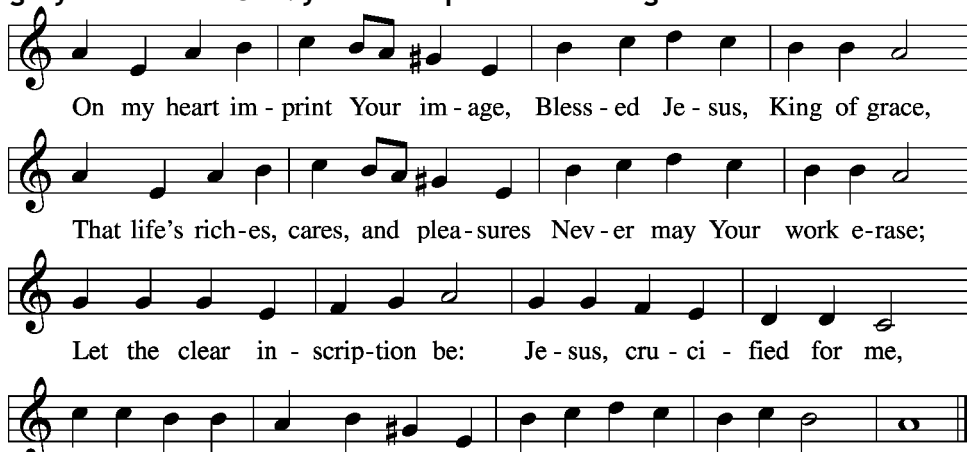
He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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Sermon "I Am the Light of the World" John 8:12

Stand

Offering Hymn # 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
 That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

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Introduction to Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect

- P** Lord Jesus, You are the Light of eternal Life, bringing the revelation of Life into our world and bringing us into the knowledge of God. Shine in our hearts dispelling the darkness of sin and unbelief and shine in our lives calling the world around us to Your name and into Your light.
- C** Amen.

Additional Petitions:

Responses

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Collect for Peace

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 233 Matthew 6:9–13

- C** 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.

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LSB 234 Psalm 103:1

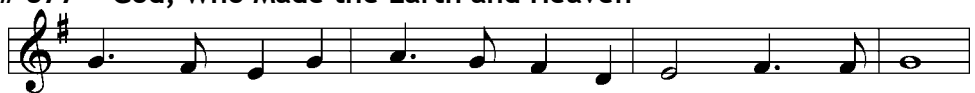
- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

Hymn # 877 "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
 May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
 May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
 pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
 last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
 Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
 But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
 And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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