

Lent 2021

Wednesday – March 17, 2021 – 7:00 pm. Worship

The Eternal Name



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“I AM”

Midweek 4: “I Am He”

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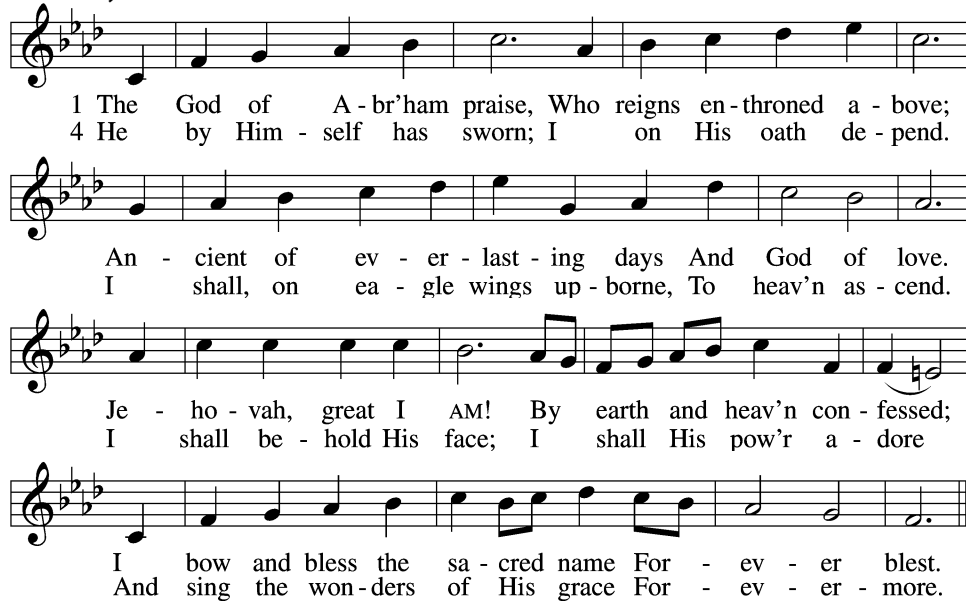
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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 798:1, 4 “The God of Abraham Praise”



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore

I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er - blest.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

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Reading: Mark 15:1-24

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “*Are you the King of the Jews?*” And he answered him, “***You have said so.***” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “*Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.*” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, “*Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?*” ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, “*Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?*” ¹³And they cried out again, “*Crucify him.*” ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, “*Why, what evil has he done?*” But they shouted all the more, “*Crucify him.*” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, “*Hail, King of the Jews!*” ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

Stand

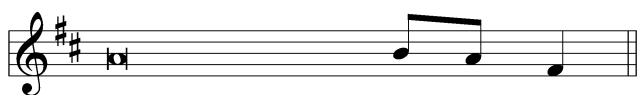
Invocation

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 de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalms 78:1, 16-35

P ¹Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

C **incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

P ¹⁶He made streams come out of the rock

C **and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

P ¹⁷Yet they sinned still more against him,

C **rebelling against the Most High in the desert.**

P ¹⁸They tested God in their heart

C **by demanding the food they craved.**

P ¹⁹They spoke against God, saying,

C **“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”**

P ²⁰He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed.

C **Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”**

P ²¹Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath;

C **a fire was kindled against Jacob;**

C **his anger rose against Israel,**

P ²²because they did not believe in God

C **and did not trust his saving power.**

P ²³Yet he commanded the skies above

C **and opened the doors of heaven,**

P ²⁴and he rained down on them manna to eat

C **and gave them the grain of heaven.**

P ²⁵Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C **he sent them food in abundance.**

P ²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,

C **and by his power he led out the south wind;**

P ²⁷he rained meat on them like dust,

C **winged birds like the sand of the seas;**

P ²⁸he let them fall in the midst of their camp,

C **all around their dwellings.**

P ²⁹And they ate and were well filled,

C **for he gave them what they craved.**

P ³⁰But before they had satisfied their craving,
C **while the food was still in their mouths,**
P ³¹the anger of God rose against them, and he killed the strongest of them
C **and laid low the young men of Israel.**
P ³²In spite of all this, they still sinned;
C **despite his wonders, they did not believe.**
P ³³So he made their days vanish like a breath,
C **and their years in terror.**
P ³⁴When he killed them, they sought him;
C **they repented and sought God earnestly.**
P ³⁵They remembered that God was their rock,
C **the Most High God their redeemer.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 1:26-28

P The Old Testament Lesson is from Ezekiel, the first chapter.

²⁶And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.

²⁷And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. ²⁸Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

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: Philippians 2:8-11

P The Epistle is from Philippians, the second chapter.

⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 18:3-9

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, ***"Whom do you seek?"*** ⁵They answered him, ***"Jesus of Nazareth."*** Jesus said to them, ***"I am he."*** Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, ***"I am he,"*** they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, ***"Whom do you seek?"*** And they said, ***"Jesus of Nazareth."*** ⁸Jesus answered, ***"I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go."*** ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: ***"Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one."***

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.

Hymn # 547 "The Lamb"




1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.




Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Sermon "I Am He" John 18:5-6

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



- C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect

- P** Lord Jesus, God of God, Light of Light, very God of Very God, before whom every knee shall bow, of whom every tongue shall confess, we thank and praise You that You have come to bring salvation and glory to all of Your people. We pray that by Your grace we may come to that day when we will see You with risen eyes, touch You with risen hands, and sing Your praises with risen lips, tongues and voices. Give us courage and strengthen our faith through our days in this life as we follow You waiting for the days of glory, and the fulfilment of all things.
- 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.

Benedicamus

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 # 881 "Christ, Mighty Savior"

1 Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting,
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4 Give heed, we pray You, to our sup - pli - ca - tion,
5 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,
You make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light
Mir - ror of day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion;
Joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise You,
That You may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
For - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,
And to the night give glit - ter - ing a -
While in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap -
With all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and
Strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing
In light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our
dorn - ment, Stars in the heav - ens.
pear - ing Hal - low the night - fall.
voic - es Sing - ing Your glo - ry.
bod - ies, Sooth - ing the wea - ry.
Sav - ior Now and for - ev - er.

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