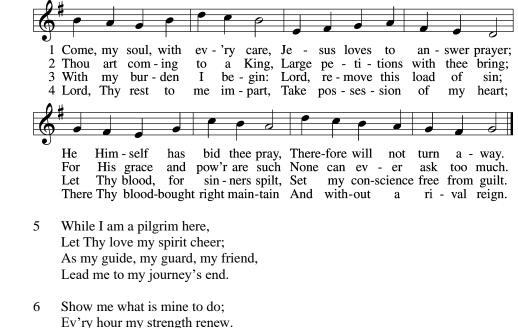
# MARCH 19, 2025 - LENT 2 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Leave All To God's Direction" by Neumark, setting by Saxton.

Stand

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



Let me die Thy people's death. Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt; Public domain Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817; Public domain

Let me live a life of faith;

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - Amen.

#### **Opening Versicles**

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- P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
- **C** You have given me relief when I was in distress.
- **P** Be gracious to me
- **C** And hear my prayer.
- **P** O Lord, You hear the desire of the afflicted;
- **C** You will strengthen their heart; You will incline your ear.
- **P** I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;
- **C** Incline Your ear to me; hear my words.
- **P** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
- **C** Be gracious to me and answer me!
- **G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

#### **P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord God, heavenly Father, incline Your ear to us. Hear us as we come before You in prayer and praise, with thanksgiving and gratitude for Your love and mercy. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>10</sup>"For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 5:11–15

Jeremiah 29:10–14

<sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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# Verse for Lent



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#### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

# John 3:1–17

<sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

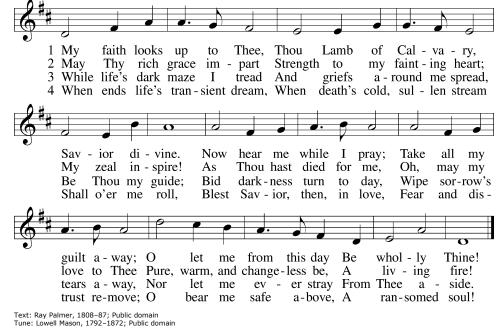
<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

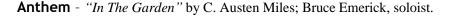
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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#### 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



#### Sermon



Kneel

#### Prayers

- Lord God, You call out to us with peace and promise, hope and healing delivered through our friend, Jesus. You call out to us and invite us to respond with faith and trust. By Your invitation, O God, we call out to You in prayer.;
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- **P** Listen to our prayers for mercy and forgiveness, and renew a right spirit within us.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Listen to our prayers for peace, deliver this world from injustice, protect the vulnerable and give us good and faithful leaders.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.

**P** Listen to our prayers for healing and hope for all who are ill or recovering from sickness.

**C** Lord, hear our prayer.

- **P** Listen to our prayers for all who mourn the loss of loved ones or are discouraged by loneliness.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- **P** Listen to our prayers for wisdom in good and godly living, upright conduct and virtue.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- **P** Listen to our prayers of thanksgiving for all the gifts that You give to Your people.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- **P** Hear our prayers, O Lord, and be gracious to us.
- **C** Listen to our pleas and answer us for the sake of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

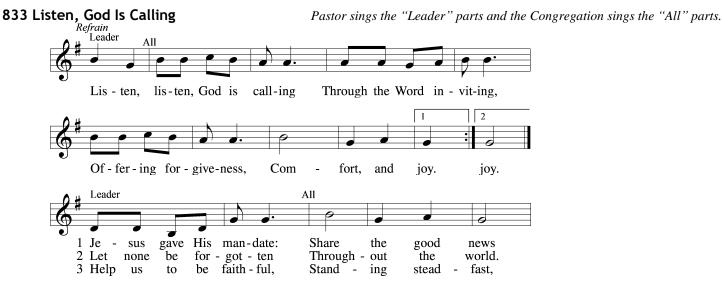
- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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**Postlude** - "Andante Tranquillo" by Mendelssohn.

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