

MARCH 26, 2025 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Cast Your Burden Upon The Lord" by Mendelssohn.

Stand

750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

sts. 1, 3, 7

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful
7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form thy
Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's
du - ties faith - ful - ly, And trust His Word; though un - de -
tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our
serv - ing, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God nev - er
God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Versicles

- P** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us
C To live in harmony with one another and in accord with Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

- P** So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
C Any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,

- P** Any affection and sympathy,
C Complete my joy by being of one mind,

- P** Having the same love,
C Being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

- P** Therefore encourage one another
C And build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

- C** 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 Jesus, life in this world leaves us disheartened and discouraged, lost and lonely. Come to the aid of Your people with Your friendship and love. Encourage us with Your Word and Your promises. Strengthen our faith to live for You alone. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we have the courage we need to face all that we encounter in this life. In Your name. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 41:8–13

⁸But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, “You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
¹¹Behold, all who are incensed against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
¹²You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
¹³For I, the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, “Fear not,
I am the one who helps you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:5–11

⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Verse for Lent

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C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:5-13

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

728 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
What more can He say than to you He has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,
Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I’ll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

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Sermon

Anthem - “*The Lamb Of God*” by Twila Paris; sung by the Parish Choir.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** We are not worthy to enter into Your presence, our Savior, Servant, Friend. And still You encourage us to draw near to You in prayer. You promise that when we gather in Your name, You will be present among us. Jesus, hear us now as we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Fortify our wavering hearts and encourage us with Your unflinching love.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Encourage the leaders of this world to be about the work of peace and justice, fostering care for the sojourner, the lonely and the forgotten.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Build up the faith of those who are wandering in doubt, rescue those who are lost in sin and redeem all who are plagued by shame and guilt.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Strengthen the souls of those who are near the point of death or mourning the loss of loved ones.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Embolden our faith so that we can be witnesses for You in this world and that many may come to know You and Your love.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Give hope and joy to Your Church so that we can faithfully live as the Body of Christ amongst our neighbors.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer and encourage us as only you can. In Your name. Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

Benediction

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- P** 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.**

Stand

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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