



Master Order of Service

Gottesdienst Lenten Series – Part Three

Lenten Midweek Service

March 4, 2026

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LSB #686)

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| 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove. | 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above. |
| 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood. | 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day. |

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P During this Lenten season, we are called to meditate on the Passion of our Lord and to come with repentant hearts.

C Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P Let us then confess to God our Father our sin so that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may be revealed to us.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are sinners, sinful from birth. We have not lived up to the identity given us in our Baptisms. By our sinful thoughts, words, and actions, we have denied You. We have been afraid to go where You lead and have not followed the commands of Your Word. We have not produced the fruit of Your Spirit. Forgive us our sin for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the call of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

L For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE *(omitted during the season of Lent)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, you sent your Son to accomplish your will for our salvation. In his life, he revealed your will done on earth as it is in heaven; and by his death he revealed your kingdom open now to all believers. Send us your Holy Spirit to inspire us in prayer and action; that in words we might pray "thy will be done" and in actions we might have your strength to do your will, for the good of our neighbor and for the sake of your kingdom. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever

C Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6-12

⁶ "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

¹² "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:8-14

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-11

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON HYMN

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

"O God, My Faithful God" (LSB #696)

- 4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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(please be seated)

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayers will end with...

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

The prayers will conclude with...

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- P** As the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness, they were fed with bread from heaven to sustain them during their wearisome journey. Today, our journey is no less wearisome. To sustain us, God has provided us not with manna which the Israelites ate and died, but with Him who is the Bread of Life. Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

C Grant, Lord Jesus, that in this place of rest that we may feed on the bread which You offer and thus know the refreshment and restoration that comes in the forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life.

P Jesus invites all who are weary and heavy laden to come to Him for rest. Here at this Table, He offers His body and blood so that the weary soul may be revived and the weak spirit may be restored. As Jesus says, "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day." Thus, we come to Jesus and receive from Him spiritual food to nourish our bodies, to restore in us a true sense of joy and hope, and to sustain us until we are delivered into His heavenly kingdom.

C We gather as the people of God with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips proclaiming Jesus' death until He comes again.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Distribution 1 : LSB #568 "If Your Beloved Son, O God"

Distribution 2 : LSB #783 "Take My Live and Let It Be"

Distribution 3 : LSB #687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

(please stand)

THE THANKSGIVING

P Jesus says, "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in Me and I in him."

C **We live because Jesus lives. He abides in us and we in Him. Thanks be to God.**

P Gracious Lord, as we depart from this Table we give You thanks that You have once again nourished us with the true Bread from heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ, and with His true blood shed for us on the cross of Calvary. Give us the assurance that as we resume our pilgrimage through this world we do not travel alone, but do so under the protection of Your mighty hand. Go before us, we pray, as You did with Your people of old, so that we may always abide in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on You and be gracious to You. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

"The Day Thou Gavest" (LSB #886)

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| 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest. | 3 As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away. |
| 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And never rests by day or night. | 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
Thy saints beneath the western skies,
And hour by hour, as day is breaking,
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise. |
| 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. | |

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