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Hymn of Praise *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days*

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Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the First Letter of Peter *1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Christ himself suffered on account of sins,
once for all, the righteous one
on behalf of the unrighteous.
He did this in order to bring you
into the presence of God.*

*Christ was put to death as a human,
but made alive by the Spirit.*

And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at God’s right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is 25, verses 1-9. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 614. Let us read it responsively by half verse. *Psalm 25:1-9*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:9-15

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from

heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us pray for God's kingdom to be made known in our world today.

Leader: Lord God, because Jesus tells us to change our hearts and lives and to trust the Good News, we hold to His word and pray as he taught us:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name**

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and put our trust in you, therefore trusting solely in you with your Grace and mercy, we pray: **Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths; give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. **Give us today our daily bread.**

Remember not the sins of our youth, remember us according to your love; Guide the people of this land; Lord, guide your Church; and guide all the nations in the ways of justice and peace; that we may see Christ in one another and serve the common good. **Forgive us our sins.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **As we forgive those who sin against us.**

You command us to learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, care for the sick, and to be content with what we have. **Save us from the time of trial.**

Jesus was tempted by the evil one for 40 days and the angels tended to him; strengthen us to walk the way of Christ in our own day. **Deliver us from evil.**

Jesus said, "If you are tired come to me and I will give you rest," we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer; we pray for all who protect us both here and abroad, and for those on our prayer list; especially, Downs IV, Holden, Brian and Robert. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Victoria, Andres, Alex, Colleen, Jack, John, Douglas, Connie and Tom. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care. And, we pray for people that we name now; either silently or aloud. We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn, may they find peace within you.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our voices to proclaim it, and use our hands to serve you. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Lead Us, Heavenly Father* Hymnal #559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's
tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for
we have no help but thee, yet possessing every blessing, if
our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou
dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst
feel its keenest woe; yet unfearing, persevering, to thy
passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly
joy; love with every passion blending, pleasure that can
never cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can
our peace destroy.