



Lenten Midday Prayer

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Prelude

Adagio in d minor

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*Opening Sentences

Give praise to God, our Comforter and Redeemer,
**By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)**

This is the day that God has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

 seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

 armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Psalm 5:1-12

- 5 Hear my words, Lord!
Consider my groans!
- ² Pay attention to the sound of my cries, my king and my God,
because I am praying to you!
- ³ Lord, in the morning you hear my voice.
In the morning I lay it all out before you.
Then I wait expectantly.
- ⁴ Because you aren't a God who enjoys wickedness;

evil doesn't live with you.
⁵ Arrogant people won't last long in your sight;
you hate all evildoers;
⁶ you destroy liars.
The Lord despises people who are violent and dishonest.
⁷ But me? I will enter your house
because of your abundant, faithful love;
I will bow down at your holy temple, honoring you.
⁸ Lord, because of many enemies,
please lead me in your righteousness.
Make your way clear, right in front of me.
⁹ Because there's no truth in my enemies' mouths,
all they have inside them is destruction.
Their throats are open graves; their tongues slick with talk.
¹⁰ Condemn them, God!
Let them fail by their own plans.
Throw them out for their many sins because they've rebelled against you.
¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you celebrate.
Let them sing out loud forever!
Protect them so that all who love your name can rejoice in you.
¹² Because you, Lord, bless the righteous.
You cover them with favor like a shield.

Silent Reflection

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

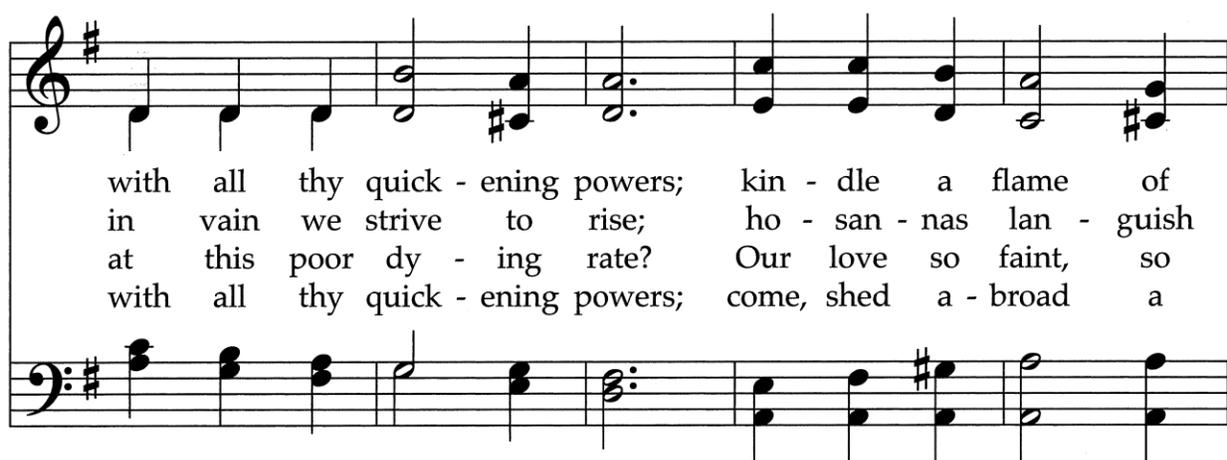
***Hymn 279**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

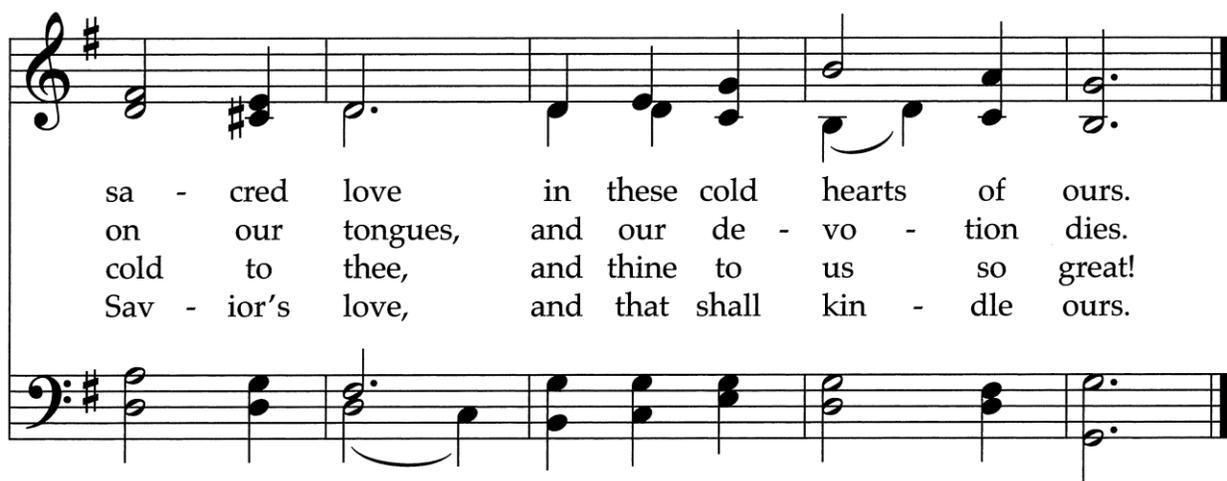
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1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,



with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a



sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

***Benediction**

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Please stand as you are able.

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LENT: The word “Lent” is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “Spring,” which in turn derives from the Old High German *lenzin*, referring to “the lengthening of days.” The season we know as Spring was originally called Lent. Lent gradually adhered strictly to church practice, and Spring came to designate the season following Winter.

Lent lasts for forty weekdays plus Sundays, a number richly grounded in Biblical tradition. In the Bible there are 120 references to the number forty, among them: the days of Noah’s deluge; the days that Moses spent on the mountain; the years Israel wandered in the wilderness; the days of Elijah’s journey to the cave of the “still, small voice;” and Jesus’ forty-day wilderness sojourn during which he was tempted by Satan.

Lent has traditionally been a time when Christians have engaged in self-reflection, fasting, prayer, confession and repentance in anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. At Westminster, in order to emphasize the meaning of Lent, we adopt a more penitential posture in worship. There are no flowers; no festive choir processional; no *Act of Praise*, following the *Confession and Pardon*; and at several points in the service we incorporate the ancient and plaintive supplication from Psalm 51: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON WEDNESDAYS THROUGH LENT: Join us for Lenten Mid-Day Prayer as we will be livestreaming on Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. to April 8th. The services will be simple and meditative, befitting the season.

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