

LENTEN MIDWEEK 3:

March 15, 2023

## Let Us Gladly **Die** With Jesus

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

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### Lenten Midweek Services

Lenten suppers at 5:30 p

March 22, Lent Midweek Service 5, 6:30 p

*Live*

March 29, Lent Midweek Service 6, 6:30 p

*Conclusion*

### Holy Week

April 2, Palm Sunday

April 6, Maundy Thursday, Worship with Holy Communion, 6:30 p

April 7, Good Friday Tenebrae, 6:30 p

April 9, Easter Sunday 7 am & 10 am

*Stand*

**Evening Prayer: Service of Light** - LSB 243

*Sit*

**Psalm 141** - LSB 245

**Let Us Gladly Die With Jesus** - 685:3

**Readings & Responses** - *see inside pages*

**Hymn** - 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing  
**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Magnificat Hymn** - 933 My Soul Rejoices, My Spirit  
Voices

**Prayers, Collect, & Lord's Prayer** - LSB 249  
(spoken)

**Benedicamus & Benediction** - LSB 252 (sung)

**Hymn** - LSB 258 Nunc Dimittis - Song of Simeon

*Postlude*



### **First Reading: Judges 16:23-31**

Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Matthew 16: 21-28**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Third Reading: Acts 7:51-60**

"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: In many and various ways, God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**C: But now in these last days, he has spoken to us by His Son.**