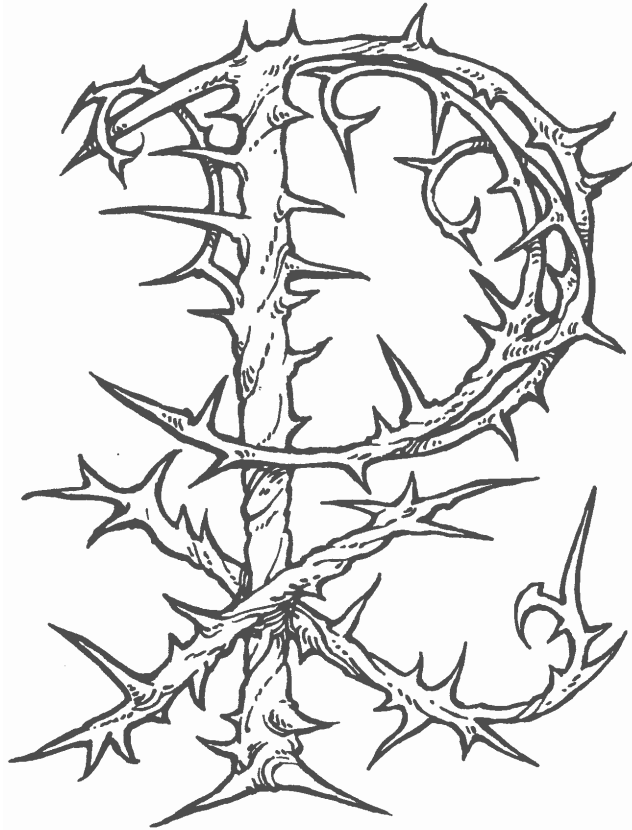


# EMBER WEDNESDAY

INVOCAVIT MIDWEEK

12 March A☩D 2025



## ☩ THE DIVINE SERVICE ☩

6:00pm

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 714 *Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode*

### ☩ THE PREPARATION ☩

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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☩ Hymns ☩

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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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*Please STAND*

## ☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

### THE INTROIT

PSALM 25:6, 2B, 22; PSALM 25:1-2A



| Remem- | ber, O LORD,  
Thy tender mercies and Thy / lovingkindnesses;  
For they have been / ever of old.—

**Let not mine enemies / triumph over me:**

**Redeem Israel, O God, out / of all his troubles.**

Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.

O my God, I trust in Thee: / let me not be ashamed.

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son  
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

**as it was in / the beginning,**

**is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

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Thy tender mercies and Thy / lovingkindnesses;  
For they have been / ever of old.—

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**Redeem Israel, O God, out / of all his troubles.**

### THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

### THE PROPHECY

EXODUS 24:12-18

*In those days:* The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.” So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 25:17-18



The troubles of my heart / are enlârged:  
 Oh, bring Thou me out of my dis- / tresses, O Lord.—  
**Look upon mine affliction / and my pân;**  
**And for- / give all my sins.—**

**THE EPISTLE**

1 KINGS 19:3B-8

*In those days:* Elijah went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!" Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

**THE TRACT**

PSALM 25:17B-18, 1-3



O bring Thou me out of my distres- / ses, O Lôrð.  
 Look upon mine affliction and my pain;  
 and for- / give all my sins.—  
**Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift / up my sôul.**  
**O / my God, I trust in Thee:**

Let me not / be ashâmed:

Let not mine ene- / mies triumph over me.

**Yea, let none that wait on Thee / be ashâmed:**

**Let them be ashamed**

**which trans- / gress without cause.—**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. MATTHEW 12:38-50

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ St. Matthew.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time:* Some of the scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation." While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." But He answered and said to the one

who told Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ☩ life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please BE SEATED*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

**THE SERMON**

*Please STAND*

**THE OFFERTORY**

PSALM 51:10-12



**THE OFFERTORY VERSE**

PSALM 119:47-48A



I will delight myself in  
Thy command- / ments, which I have loved:  
My hands also will I lift up  
unto Thy com- / mandments, which I have loved.

*Please BE SEATED*

**THE OFFERING**

*Agnus Dei - II*

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

**THE LITANY** (*see insert*; it is THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Lent)

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*Please STAND*



# THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

## THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. [COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM 136]

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

## THE SANCTUS ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

### THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

## THE PAX DOMINI ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI ST. JOHN 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## THE COMMUNION VERSE PSALM 5:1B-2



Consider my meditation; hearken unto the voice of my cry,  
my King, / and my Gôd:

For unto / Thee will I pray, O Lord.

*Please BE SEATED*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN 433 Glory Be to Jesus

*Please STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107: 1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that by the reception of Thy Sacrament we may both be cleansed from our secret faults: and set free from the plots of our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103: 1]

Bless we the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

## THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6: 24- 26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Please STAND*

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.*



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