

A landscape photograph featuring a dirt path that leads from the foreground towards a range of hills in the distance. The sky is a deep, textured blue with some lighter, wispy clouds. Three dark, stylized crosses are superimposed on the sky, with the largest one in the center and two smaller ones on either side. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

Wednesdays
during Lent

the
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WELCOME TO ALL guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

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**You may remain seated during the entire service*

OPENING VERSICLES

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P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 124; antiphon: v. 8

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—

C Let Israel now say—

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side

C When people rose up against us,

P Then they would have swallowed us up alive,

C When their anger was kindled against us;

P Then the flood would have swept us away,

C The torrent would have gone over us;

P Then over us would have gone

C The raging waters.

P Blessed be the LORD,

C Who has not given us

P As prey to their teeth!

C We have escaped like a bird

P From the snare of the fowlers;

C The snare is broken,

P And we have escaped!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C Who made heaven and earth.

READINGS

A reading from Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A reading from *Colossians 2:6–10*

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A reading from *John 8:48–59*

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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VERSICLES

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- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **Let my cry come to You.**
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** **For You answer me.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** **And blot out all my iniquities.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **And renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** **And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** **And uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** **My lips will praise You.**
- P** For You have been my help,
- C** **And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** **Unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** **And I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”**
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** **Listen to my plea for grace.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P Let us pray.

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

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CLOSING HYMN

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