



Welcome

- “Away from Us!” the Demon Cried*** *LSB 541*
(tune 697)
- 1** “Away from us!” the demon cried
When Christ, the Lord, drew near.
“Our dark, disordered world is lost
When you, the Light, appear!”
- 2** But Jesus spoke with God’s own pow’r;
“Come forth!” was his command;
For evil cannot bear the Light
Nor sin the Truth withstand.
- 3** O risen Christ, God’s living Word,
To us, we pray, draw near.
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin
With love that conquers fear.
- 4** Drive out the doubt that cripples faith;
Expel our pride and greed
That we, from pow’rs that threaten us,
May, by your grace, be freed.
- 5** Then help us, Lord, to greet each day
With hearts and wills made new
And, when you call us forth to serve,
To rise and follow you.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. ¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” ¹⁹ “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” ²³ “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. ²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” ²⁹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Lenten Responsory

P “But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door

C **it desires to have you.”** (*Gen.4:7*)

P We know that the law is spiritual;

C **but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.** (*Rom.7:14*)

P For sin shall not be your master,

C **because you are not under law, but under grace.** (*Rom 6:14*)

P You have been set from sin,

C **and have become slaves to righteousness.** (*Rom.6:18*)

P Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

C **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”** (*Jn.8:34-36*)

Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹⁵ After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”² But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Responsory

P The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

C **Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, save me!”** (*Ps. 116:3-4*)

P “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.

C **Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?”** (*Hos. 13:14*)

P On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

C he will swallow up death forever.

P The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

C he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

P In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

C This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” (*Isa. 25:7-9*)

Reading

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4

¹² LORD are you not from everlasting?

My God, my Holy One, you will never die.

You LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;

you cannot tolerate wrong doing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked

swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

¹⁴ You have made people like the fish in the sea,

like the sea creatures that have no ruler.

¹⁵ The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,

he catches them in his net,

he gathers them up in his dragnet;

and so he rejoices and is glad.

¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net

and burns incense to his dragnet,

for by his net he lives in luxury

and enjoys the choicest food.

¹⁷ Is he to keep on emptying his net,
destroying nations without mercy?

² I will stand at my watch

and station myself on the ramparts;

I will look to see what he will say to me,

and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation

and make it plain on tablets

so that a herald may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴ “See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Responsory

P We know that we are children of God,

C and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

(1 Jn 5:19)

P Jesus said, “I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming.

C He has no hold on me. *(Jn. 14:30)*

P As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world,

C and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. *(Eph. 2:1-2)*

P Jesus said, “Now is the time for judgment on this world;

C now the prince of this world will be driven out.” *(Jn. 12:31)*

Reading

Hebrews 10:35-11:1

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”

³⁸ And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. ¹¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.**
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found.**
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found.**

Homily

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Nicene Creed

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**☩ 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 catholic 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.**

Prayer of Martin Luther

P Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

C My lord, fill it.

P I am weak in faith;

C Strengthen me.

P I am cold in love;

C Warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.

P I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am

unable to trust you altogether.

C O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

P In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor;

C You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

P I am a sinner;

C You are upright.

P With me, there is an abundance of sin;

C In you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

Absolution

P Almighty God in his mercy has given his son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

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- 1 Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
“Well done, my servant!”**
- 2 These saints of old received God’s commendation;
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of his salvation.
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,
God’s name to hallow.**
- 3 They call to us, “your timid footsteps lengthen;
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;
Our lives we bartered.”**
- 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,
He faced the cross, his sinless life he offered;
He scorned the shame, he died, our death enduring,
Our hope securing.**

**5 Lord, give us faith to walk where you are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that you lead us—
With grace precede us.**

**6 You, Jesus, you alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within your story;
Past, present, future—you, the same forever—
You fail us never!**

Evening Prayer

☪ 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.

Benediction

Sending

☪ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☪ Thanks be to God.



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