

## Midweek Lenten Service

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### *Skirmishes*

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#### Hymn - "Before the Ending of the Day" (CW 595)

1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the  
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors  
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your

world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low  
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore

And guard and keep your peo - ple now.  
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

STAND

**M:** In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**All:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

**C:** Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

*Silence for private confession.*

**M:** Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

**M:** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

**C:** Amen.

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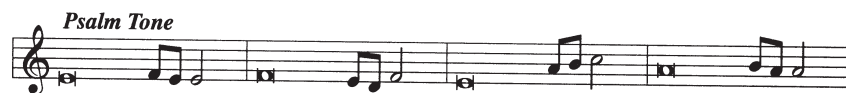
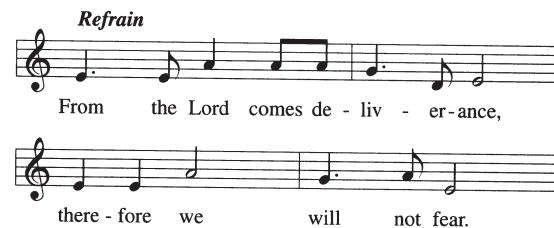
**Psalm 3 (CWS)** printed on p 4 of this folder

### Psalm Prayer

**M:** Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### Psalm 3 (CWS)



O LORD, how many are my foes!  
How many rise up against me!  
Many are saying of me,  
God will not deliver him."

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;  
you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.  
To the LORD I cry aloud,  
and he answers me from his holy hill.

### Refrain

I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.  
I will not fear the tens of thousands  
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!  
Deliver me, O my God!  
From the LORD comes deliverance.  
May your blessing be on your people.

**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.**

### Refrain

## The History of Our Lord's Suffering and Death

Matthew 27:1-26 (p.1517)

**27** Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. <sup>2</sup> So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup> When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

<sup>5</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup> The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup> So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup> That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had

gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor.

"Barabbas," they answered.

<sup>22</sup> "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

<sup>23</sup> "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

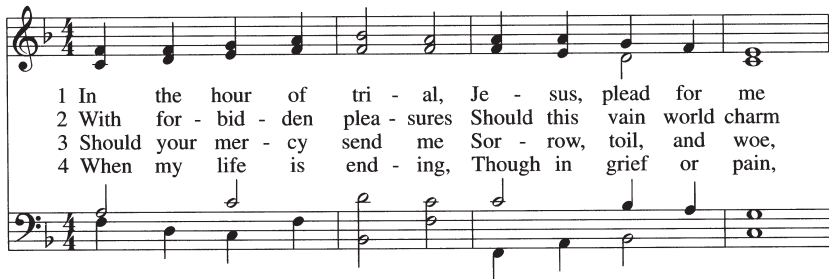
<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

**Seasonal Sentence** (*read by the congregation*)

**M:** This is the word of the Lord.

**C:** **All we like sheep have gone astray, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.**

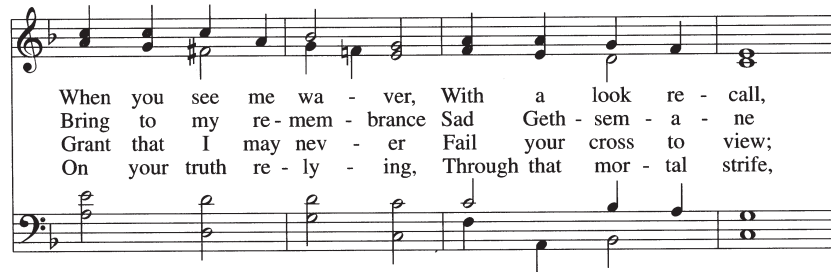
## Hymn - "In the Hour of Trial" (CW 116)



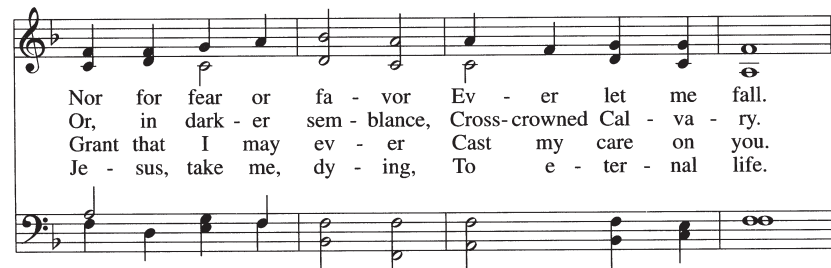
1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm  
3 Should your mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,  
4 When my life is end - ing, Though in grief or pain,



Lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
Or its tempt - ing trea - sures Spread to work me harm,  
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,  
When my bod - y chang - es Back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, With a look re - call,  
Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne  
Grant that I may nev - er Fail your cross to view;  
On your truth re - ly - ing, Through that mor - tal strife,



Nor for fear or fa - vor Ev - er let me fall.  
Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on you.  
Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, To e - ter - nal life.

## Sermon - Hebrews 4:15 (p.1825)

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. (NIV®)

### Skirmishes

#### Offering

*Please make use of the options we've announced for continuing your regular contributions for the Lord's work at St. Paul's. The two options that would probably work best would be mailing them in or using the "Bill Pay" function in your on-line banking.*

*We are also still researching the best way(s) for you to let us know that you're watching. One way we know for sure, if you're a FaceBook member, is by "liking" the video while it's playing. We're also fairly certain that if you've "liked" or "followed" our FaceBook page, FaceBook will let us know that you're watching. We'll inform you when we learn more about this.*

STAND

#### Lord, Have Mercy

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C:** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**C:** Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us;

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

### Evening Prayer

**All:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Blessing

**M:** The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** Amen.

### Hymn - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (CW 411)

*(printed on page 10 of this folder)*

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a

griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his

cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

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## Announcements

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**LIVE-STREAMING** - We plan to live-stream all our services on Facebook Live throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

You should be able to find all our videos (live and archived) at our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrownsville](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrownsville).

You do not need to “like” or “follow” our page in order to watch the video. You don’t even need to be a Facebook member.

Copies of the worship folders will always be available on the “News and Worship Folders” page at [www.stpaulsbrownsville.org](http://www.stpaulsbrownsville.org).

We will use email, Facebook, and the website to let you know when videos and worship folders are scheduled to be available.

**NEXT WEDNESDAY** - Our service will focus on a passage from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians that gives us a reconnaissance report on the enemies of our warrior with whom we struggle as they seek to make war against our faith.

A full schedule of the Lenten and Holy Week services is printed on the back page. We will get the word out if his schedule makes it necessary to live-stream at a different time than the posted schedule.



# 2020 Lenten and Holy Week Services

(all times 3:30 and 6:30 unless indicated)

- February 26** ..... Pastor William Carter (St. Paul, Brownsville)  
*The Promised Warrior* ..... Isaiah 42:13  
Ash Wednesday Communion Services
- March 4** ..... Pastor Jonathan Learman (St. Peter & Zion, Theresa)  
*The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers* ..... John 6:66
- March 11** ..... Pastor Steven Bode (Zion, Allenton)  
*The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World* ..... John 18:38
- March 18** ..... Pastor William Carter (St. Paul, Brownsville)  
*The Hidden Warrior* ..... John 11:33-37
- March 25** ..... Pastor Matthew Kiecker (St. John, Lomira)  
*Skirmishes* ..... Hebrews 4:15
- April 1** ..... Pastor Matthew Kuske (St. Paul & St. Luke, Lomira)  
*Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy* ..... Ephesians 6:12
- April 9** ..... Pastor William Carter  
*The Battle Is Personal* ..... Luke 22:47,48  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:00 p.m.)
- April 10** ..... Pastor William Carter  
*The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* ..... Matthew 27:45-50  
Good Friday Communion Service (1:00 p.m.)
- April 12** ..... Pastor William Carter  
*Victory!* ..... Revelation 19:11-16  
Easter Festival Communion Service (9:00 a.m.)