

Lenten Series:

# **EXPERIENCING LENT**



“Experiencing Extravagant Gratitude”

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**Evening Prayer - Vespers**

Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

**“Experiencing Extravagant Gratitude”**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                    *“Oh Christ, Thou Lamb of God ”*

setting by Henry Gerike

**\*Service of Light** (*A large, lighted candle is carried in.*)

**L** Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C** **The light no darkness can overcome.**

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

**C** **And the day is almost over.**

**L** Let your light scatter the darkness.

**C** **And illumine your church.**

**\*Lenten Dialogue**

**L** Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**C** **now is the day of salvation.**

**L** Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**C** **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

**L** May your justice shine like the sun;

**C** **and may the poor be lifted up.**

**\*Hymn of Light**

**Hymn # 815**

*“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”*

**\*Thanksgiving for Light**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Choir:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day  
and a pillar of fire by night;  
Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation,  
and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

[we sit]

**Isaiah 12:1-6**

**You will say on that day:**

**“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
and you comforted me.**

**<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;**

**I will trust and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.”**

**<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of  
salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say on that day:**

**“Give thanks to the Lord;  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.**

**<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

**Psalm 100** (read responsively by whole verse)

**<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**

**<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

**<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup>For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

[we stand]

***The gospel is announced:*** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**\*John 12:1-8**

**12** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

***After the reading:*** The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE** "Experiencing Extravagant Gratitude"

[we stand]

**\*Hymn** "Take My Life, That I May Be" **Hymn # 685**

**The Offering is Received (All Mid-Week offerings will be given to  
Haven of Rest)**

**Offertory Anthem** -P. Gerhardt/Norman Cocker  
**"Jesus, Thou Boundless Love To Me"**

**Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue  
declare;**

**Unite my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!**

**Thine wholly, Thine alone, I am; be Thou alone my constant flame.**

**Oh, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!**

**All coldness from my heart remove; my ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.**

**This love unwearied I pursue and dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care to guard this sacred treasure there.**

**In suff'ring be Thy love my peace, in weakness be Thy love my pow'r;  
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide and draw me safely to Thy side!**

[we stand]

**Offertory**

*“Create In Me a Clean Heart”*

**Hymn # 186**

**\*Litany**

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the baptized people of God and for their varied ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who are poor, hungry, homeless, or sick, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence is kept by all.*

**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**C** **To you, O Lord.**



# **2025 LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER**

## **SCHEDULE**

### Sermon Series: “Experiencing Lent”

Note:

Both Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical (except for the Stripping of the Altar which will take place at the Evening Service for Maundy Thursday).

Wednesday, April 9                      6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Cong. Potluck Meal]  
**Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.**              Message: “Experiencing Extravagant Gratitude”

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday  
[no meal] **Maundy Thursday Worship Services** 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Message: “Experiencing A Solemn Yet Joyous Feast”

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday  
[no meal] **Good Friday Worship Services** 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Message: “Experiencing Death”



**Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast to follow**

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**11:00 a.m.**

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**Note:** There will not be an Adult or Children’s Sunday School class, or a nursery.