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**SECOND WEEK OF LENT  
EVENING VESPERS**

**March 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

**PREPARATION**

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen**

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C: to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

P: to herald your love in the morning,

**C: your truth at the close of the day.**

OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#479 Green Hymnal

**CONFESSION**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

**C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of Heaven, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know-- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed-- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

**C: Amen.**

FIRST READING.....Luke 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup> Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.<sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' <sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup> Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

PSALM.....Psalm 105:1-15 (**Responsively**)

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**<sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**<sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

<sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**<sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations;**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

**<sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

<sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

**<sup>12</sup> When they were few in number, of little account, and strangers in it,**

<sup>13</sup> wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,

**<sup>14</sup> he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account,**

<sup>15</sup> saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."

THE GOSPEL.....2 Chronicles 20:1-22

<sup>20</sup> After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites came against Jehoshaphat for battle. <sup>2</sup> Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, <sup>3</sup> from beyond the sea; already they are at Hazazon-tamar" <sup>3</sup> Jehoshaphat was afraid; he set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. <sup>4</sup> Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the towns of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, <sup>6</sup> and said, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven? Do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In your hand are power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you. <sup>7</sup> Did you not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? <sup>8</sup> They have lived in it, and in it have built you a sanctuary for your name, saying, <sup>9</sup> 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before you, for your name is in this house, and cry to you in our distress, and you will hear and save.' <sup>10</sup> See now, the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— <sup>11</sup>

they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession that you have given us to inherit. <sup>12</sup> O our God, will you not execute judgment upon them? For we are powerless against this great multitude that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. <sup>14</sup> Then the spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the middle of the assembly. <sup>15</sup> He said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not fear or be dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's. <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow go down against them; they will come up by the ascent of Ziz; you will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> This battle is not for you to fight; take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you."

<sup>18</sup> Then Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. <sup>19</sup> And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

<sup>20</sup> They rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God and you will be established; believe his prophets." <sup>21</sup> When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy splendor, as they went before the army, saying, "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>22</sup> As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the Ammonites, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

SERMON

“Fast From Doubt; Feast on Faith”

Vicar Sam Leister

#### THE APOSTLE’S CREED (In Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### RESPONSORY

P: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours off night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

**All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to 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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## CLOSING CHIMES

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**WELCOME TO ALL!**

WITH CHRIST’S LOVE AND GOD’S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah this evening. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Vicar. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

WE WELCOME OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS from other churches of our community and appreciate the opportunity that is ours as fellow Christians to worship together. Messiah is glad to have you as our guests this evening and we pray that the service will be a rich blessing to you.

## 2022 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Wednesday, March 23 – 7:00 p.m.....”Fast From Darkness; Feast on Light”  
 Wednesday, March 30 – 7:00 p.m.....”Fast From Despair; Feast on Hope”  
 Wednesday, April 6 – 7:00 p.m.....”Fast From Hatred; Sow Love”  
 Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 a.m.....Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast  
 Friday, April 15 – 7:30 p.m.....Good Friday Tenebrae Service