

Deuteronomy 15:7–11

^[7] “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, ^[8] but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. ^[9] Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. ^[10] You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ^[11] For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’ (ESV)

Hebrews 7:23–28

^[23] The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ^[24] but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ^[25] Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ^[26] For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ^[27] He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ^[28] For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. (ESV)

Luke 4:16–21 Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

^[16] And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ^[17] And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ^[18] “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ^[19] to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ^[20] And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ^[21] And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (ESV)



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VESPERS FOR MIDWEEK OF LENT 1 March 12, 2025

Welcome to our mid-week Lenten Worship Service. Our Lenten Journey continues each Wednesday evening with a meal starting at 5:30 pm and Vespers Service at 6:30 pm.

Please Stand (in body or in spirit)

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

C: **Create in us clean and honest hearts, so that, as we repent of our sins, we may receive full pardon and forgiveness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

L: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. ✠ By His Holy Spirit, may He grant you true repentance, that you may live with Him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: "Were You There" *Vss 1-2 (LBW #92)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Please be seated

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading - Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 7:23-28

R: This is the Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Please Stand

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4:16-21

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (*repeat 2 times*)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.

Let us pray

L: Almighty God, we are unable to pray as we ought, but You have had mercy on us by giving Your Son into death as the all-availing sacrifice for our sins and raising Him from the dead as our eternal High Priest, who always lives to make intercession for us. Grant us, we pray, all boldness and confidence to draw near to You and make our petitions known as You bid us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

Carmen Nazario

Please stand

Hymn: "Were You There" *Vss 3-4 (LBW #92)*

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?	Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
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APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

L: We pray as our Savior has taught us:

C: 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

Depart in Silence