Vespers Lent 1 March 9, 2022 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, the people stand as the lighted candle is carried into the nave.

SERVICE OF LIGHT Versicles









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Silence for meditation.

PSALM PRAYER

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. **Amen**

PSALM 49:1-8 Sung by Cantor

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell | in the world,* you of high degree and low, rich and | poor together.

² My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,*

and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

³ I will incline my ear | to a proverb*

and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

⁴ Why should I be afraid in | evil days,*

when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

- ⁵ the wickedness of those who put their trust | in their goods,*
 - and boast of | their great riches?
- ⁶ We can never ran- | som ourselves,*
 - or deliver to God the price | of our life;
- ⁷ for the ransom of our life | is so great,*
 - that we should never have e- | nough to pay it,
- ⁸ in order to live forev- | er and ever,* and never | see the grave.

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you condemned the rich because they have already received their reward, and you proclaimed the poor blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Teach us to seek imperishable goods and to have confidence in your blood, poured out as the price of our redemption; and to you be the glory now and forever.

<mark>Stand</mark> EVENING HYMN

All My Hope on God is Founded (WOV 782)



READING Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sung by all

HOMILY

Stan Reep

Magnificat

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE





THE LITANY



Following each petition the congregation responds singing **"Lord, have mercy."** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation

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



PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen

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.

BENEDICAMUS A brief silence is kept.



POSTLUDE

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