

Service Folder

First Day of Lent

February 18, 2026

Abbreviated order of service:

- **Opening Hymn** *TLH #318 — Before Thee God Who Knowest All*
- **Examination and Absolution**
- **Hymn** *TLH #321 — O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee*
- **Salutation & Collect (Service Booklet, p.2)**
- **Epistle** *Joel 2:12-19*
- **Gradual & Tract (below, spoken)**
 - ▣ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;
He shall send from heaven and save me;
He reproaches the one who would swallow me up.
 - ▣ **O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor punish us according to our iniquities.**
 - ▣ O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us!
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have
been brought very low.
 - ▣ **Help us, O God of our salvation,
For the glory of Your name.**
- **Gospel** *Matthew 6:16-21*
- **Nicene Creed (Booklet, p.3)**
- **Hymn of the Day** *TLH #347 — Jesus, Priceless Treasure (st. 1-4)*
- **Sermon**
- **Litany (inside this Service Folder)**
- **Preface & Communion Liturgy (Booklet, p.4)**
- **Distribution**
- **Thanksgiving, Benedicamus, & Benediction (Booklet, p.7)**

The Litany *(in place of the General Prayer)*

The congregation responds after each line.

O Lord:
O Christ:
O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Hear us.

Lord God, Father in heaven:
Lord God, Son of God, Redeemer of the world:
Lord God, Holy Spirit:

Have mercy upon us.

Be gracious unto us:
Be gracious unto us:

**Spare us, good Lord.
Help us, good Lord.**

From every sin:
From every error:
From every evil:
From the cunning and snares of the devil:
From sudden and evil death:
From pestilence and famine:
From war and bloodshed:
From rebellion and contention:
From lightning and tempest:
And from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation:
By Your holy nativity:
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation:
By Your agony and bloody sweat:
By Your cross and Passion:
By Your death and burial:
By Your holy resurrection and ascension:
And by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation:
In all time of our prosperity:
In the hour of our death:
And at the last judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You:

To hear us, O Lord God,

And to rule and govern Your holy Christian
Church:
To preserve all pastors and ministers of the
Church in sound doctrine and in holy living:

Hear us, good Lord.

To curb all schisms and causes of offense:
To restore the erring and those who are deceived:
To trample Satan under our feet:
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest:
To accompany Your Word with Your Spirit and power:
To raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand:
To encourage and help those who are timid and distressed:
To give peace and concord to all rulers:
To prosper our nation in all righteous endeavors:
To direct and defend our president and all in authority:
To bless and keep our magistrates and all our people:

Hear us, good Lord.

To regard and deliver the afflicted and those who are in danger:
To grant safe delivery to pregnant women and to preserve their children in health:
To strengthen and protect the little children and those who are sick:
To set the captives free:
To defend and provide for all widows and orphans:
To have mercy upon all men:
To forgive and convert our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers:
To give and preserve the fruits of the earth:
And graciously to hear our prayers:

Hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

Hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Grant us Your peace.

O Christ:

Hear us.

O Lord:

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ:

Have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

During this Lenten season, we will focus on some of the things Jesus said and did during Holy Week, leading up to His crucifixion, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel.

Wednesday, February 25

The Authority of Jesus Is Questioned
Matthew 21:23-32

Wednesday, March 4

The Parable of the Landowner and Those Who Hated Him
Matthew 21:33-46

Wednesday, March 11

Jesus Confronts the Sadducees
Matthew 22:23-33

Wednesday, March 18

Do Not Be Like the Pharisees
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 25

Four Woes upon the Pharisees
Matthew 23:13-22

Holy Monday, March 30

Three More Woes upon the Pharisees
Matthew 23:23-28

Holy Tuesday, March 31

A Final Woe upon the Pharisees and Jerusalem
Matthew 23:29-39

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Jesus' Suffering on Maundy Thursday
Matthew 26:1-75

Good Friday, April 3

Jesus' Suffering on Good Friday
Matthew 27:1-61