

# **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**In Community with Our Neighbor**



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### **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

- **SERVICE OF LIGHT**
- **EVENING HYMN**
- **EVENING THANKSGIVING**
- **PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES**

## **READING: Mark 2:1-12 A**

*This reading centers us in the ten commandments, which serve, among other things, as a way of living in community with our neighbor. Being in community with our neighbor is complicated and beautiful.*

<sup>1</sup>When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — <sup>11</sup>I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Word of God, Word of Life      **Thanks be to God**

# SERMON

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 708

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

### *Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

## PRAYER

Neighbor to all people, you call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors, and teach us to recognize the gifts you

have given each of us to use in service to others.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER (continued)**

- **THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE MAGNIFICAT**
  - **LITANY AND PRAYERS**
  - **FINAL BLESSING**
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Dick Southworth passed away early this week. There will be no service, just a private burial in southern Minnesota.

**IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE** is planned for Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We also have two in person worships scheduled for Easter, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 10:30am. All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to: Health Screening Assessment upon entry, 6' physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers will be whispered from behind your mask, no singing, no hand shaking, etc.

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