

# **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Bronze Serpent Lifted in the Wilderness**



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## **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

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

## READING: Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

## SERMON

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## HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal"      ELW 805



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of pre - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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

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

*Offering Plate is at the back of the church*  
*on your way in & out*