



*"No one can enter the
kingdom of God without
being born of water
and Spirit." John 3:5, NRSV*

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Promised Treasures—Water: Water is life. Throughout the Bible, we also witness our Creator giving us new life—cleansing, reshaping, even re-creating—through the water of the Spirit and the living, active Word of Jesus. Today we consider the promised treasure of the life-giving water and the Word that God uses to claim us as His children and unite us to His Son's death and resurrection. With the Savior, who steps into the water with us, we daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

+ **Order of Worship: Vespers, p. 229** +

Opening Versicles (*Sung: for tune, see page 229 of your hymnal*)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm

(*Psalm 23*)

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

P: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

C: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,

C: **For you are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

C: **You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

C: **And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB 435

First Reading

Genesis 7:11-23

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:17-22

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-8

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory *(Sung; for tune, see page 231 of your hymnal)*

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies; protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies; protect me from those who rise against me.

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Confirmation Essays

Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440

Sermon

Versicle *(Sung; for tune, see page 231 of your hymnal)*

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense.

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Offering

Kyrie *(Sung; for tune, see page 233 of your hymnal)*

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

Collects *(Sung; for tune, see page 233 of your hymnal)*

P: O Lord, hear my prayer,

C: And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, through water and the Word, You reshape and restore Your fallen creation, entering our lives in Baptism so that we may be cleansed by Your Spirit. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace

P: 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 that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus *(Sung; for tune, see page 234 of your hymnal)*

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Sung; for tune, see page 234 of your hymnal)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433