(P) In the name of the Father and of the $\mp$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Exhortation

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(L) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Silence for self-examination

## Confession of Sins

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L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
C Amen.
The service continues with the Introit

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For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
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.
For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
By Your mighty power
defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body
and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C J[Amen] J

## GRADUAL

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## RESPONSE FOR PRAYERS

After each petition:
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

## Jeremiah 26:8-15 (ESV)

8 And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ${ }^{9}$ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. ${ }^{11}$ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ${ }^{13}$ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ${ }^{14}$ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ${ }^{15}$ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon
yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

## Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

${ }^{17}$ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ${ }^{18}$ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ${ }^{19}$ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ${ }^{20}$ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ${ }^{21}$ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.
${ }^{4}$ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ${ }^{32}$ And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ${ }^{33}$ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' 34 O Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! 35

Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Jeremiah 26:8-15
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

## Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached "all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people" (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord's judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus "comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, "as a hen gathers her brood under her wings" (Luke 13:34). For "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).

