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**Hymn**                      *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*                      **418**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddot{\text{T}}\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**C** **to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**

**P** To herald Your love in the morning,  
**C** **Your truth at the close of the day.**

**Reading** *Genesis 2:4–24*

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—<sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup>And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the

whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

**Responsive: Plea for Mercy from the Plague of Locusts** *from Joel 1-2*

**P** Hear this, you elders;  
give ear, all inhabitants of the land!  
Has such a thing happened in your days,  
or in the days of your fathers?

**C** **What the cutting locust left,  
the swarming locust has eaten.  
What the swarming locust left,  
the hopping locust has eaten,  
and what the hopping locust left,  
the destroying locust has eaten.**

**P** The land is like the garden of Eden before them,  
but behind them a desolate wilderness,  
and nothing escapes them.

**C** **The seed shrivels under the clods;  
the storehouses are desolate;  
the granaries are torn down  
because the grain has dried up.  
How the beasts groan!**

**P** “Yet even now,” declares the Lord,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

**C Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests;  
wail, O ministers of the altar.  
Go in, pass the night in sackcloth,  
O ministers of my God!**

**P** Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

**C Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord!  
O Lord, have mercy upon us!**

### Reading

*Titus 2:11—3:7*

<sup>1</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,  
<sup>2</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-  
-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>3</sup>waiting for our  
blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus  
Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to  
purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for  
good works.

<sup>5</sup>Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one  
disregard you.

<sup>1</sup>Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedi-  
ent, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, to avoid  
quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

<sup>3</sup>For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to vari-  
ous passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by  
others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness  
of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us  
in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regen-  
eration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly  
through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we  
might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### Reading

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–20*

<sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order  
to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who  
is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as  
the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be  
praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But

when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

**Sermon Hymn**

*From God Can Nothing Move Me*

**713**

**Sermon**

**The Litany**

*LSB pg. 288-289*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**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**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*

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