



# Lent at Grace

## For You: The Promises of Christ

Evening Prayer  
The Second Wednesday of Lent  
March 12, 2025

7:00 p.m.

### ✝ OPENING ✝

*We gather in silence. Offering plates are located at the doors.*

**PRELUDE:** Aria (from Goldberg Variations, BWV 988)

Johann Sebastian Bach

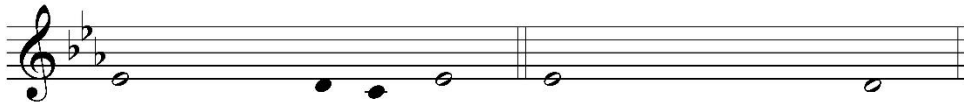
*Following the prelude, silence is kept.*

*At the sound of the bell, we stand and face the candle at the entrance to the church.*

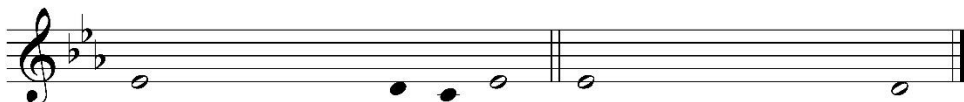
### SERVICE OF LIGHT



**L** Behold, now is the accept-ab - le time; **C** now is the day of sal-vation.



**L** Turn us again,  
O God of our sal-vation, **C** that the light  
of your face may shine on us.



**L** May your justice shine like the sun; **C** and may the poor be lifted up.



1. O glad-some light, O grace of our cre - a - tor's  
 2. As fades the day's last light we see the lamps of  
 3. To you of right be-longs all praise of ho - ly



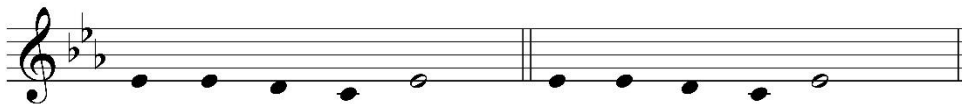
face, The e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing;  
 night, our com - mon hymn out-pour - ing,  
 songs, O Son of God, life giv - er.



ce - les - tial, ho - ly blessed, our Sav - ior Je - sus  
 O God of might un - known, you, the in - car - nate  
 You, there-fore, O Most High, the world does glo - ri -



Christ, joy - ful in your ap - pear - ing.  
 Son, and Spir - it blessed a - dor - ing.  
 fy and shall ex - alt for - ev - er.



**L** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



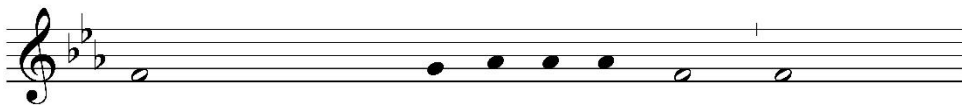
**C** It is right to give God thanks and praise.



☪ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people



Israel by a pil-lar of cloud by day and a pil-lar of fire by night:



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be



a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci-ful,



and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures,



glo - ri - fy you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☪ A - men.

# ✠ PSALMODY ✠

*We sit.*

## PSALM 141



1. O \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, I call \_\_\_\_\_ up - on you - come  
 2. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ set a guard up - on my mouth, be \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. But my eyes are still \_\_\_\_\_ fixed on you, O \_\_\_\_\_



quick - ly un - to me; O hear my voice when I call  
 watch - ful o'er my lips; Don't let my heart be drawn to  
 Sov - ereign Lord of grace, Your re - fuge God, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_



out, and hear - ken to my plea. May my  
 wrong, for eas - i - ly it slips. Let me  
 take, don't bring me to death's place. Keep me



prayer be fixed be - fore you, like in - cense would suf -  
 prac - tice not wrong - do - ing, nor join a wick - ed  
 from the snares laid for me; from where their traps do



fice; May lift - ing of \_\_\_\_\_ my hands \_\_\_\_\_ be  
 deed, Nor go with ev - il \_\_\_\_\_ do - ers, nor  
 lie; Let wick - ed fall in \_\_\_\_\_ nets, \_\_\_\_\_ while



like the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. \_\_\_\_\_  
to their false temp - ta - tions heed. \_\_\_\_\_  
you, Lord, bring me safe - ly by. \_\_\_\_\_



Glo-ry be to God the Fath-er, glo-ry be to God the



Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, the ev - er - last - ing



Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

*Silence for meditation is observed, then:*

### **PSALM PRAYER**

☞ Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord,  
and let your lovingkindness descend upon us,  
that with purified minds we may sing your praises  
with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host,  
and may glorify you forever and ever.

☞ **Amen.**

## PSALM 130

- ℣ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, | hear my voice;\*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.
- ☩ **If you, Lord, were to note what is | done amiss,\***  
**O Lord, | who could stand?**
- ℣ For there is forgive- | ness with you;\*  
therefore you | shall be feared.
- ☩ **I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;\***  
**in his word | is my hope.**
- ℣ My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen | for the morning,\*  
more than watchmen | for the morning.
- ☩ **O Israel, wait | for the Lord,\***  
**for with the Lord | there is mercy;**
- ℣ with him there is plen- | teous redemption,\*  
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

*Silence for meditation is observed, then:*

### PSALM PRAYER

- ℣ God of might and compassion,  
you sent your Word into the world as a watchman  
to announce the dawn of salvation.  
Do not leave us in the depths of our sins,  
but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redeeming grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☩ **Amen.**

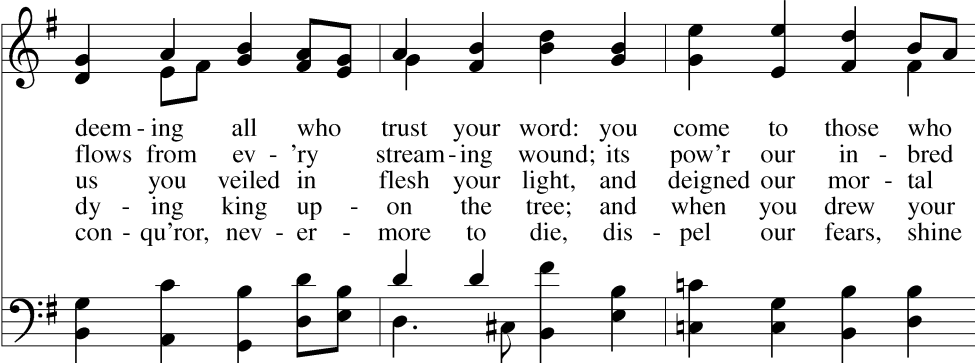
*We stand.*

**HYMN: O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord**

*(green)* **LBW #101**



1 O Christ, our king, cre - a - tor, Lord, re -  
2 Lord, in your cross true grace is found; it  
3 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, for  
4 All trem - bling na - ture quaked to see its  
5 Now in the Fa - ther's glo - ry high, great



deem - ing all who trust your word: you come to those who  
flows from ev - 'ry stream - ing wound; its pow'r our in - bred  
us you veiled in flesh your light, and deigned our mor - tal  
dy - ing king up - on the tree; and when you drew your  
con - qu'ror, nev - er - more to die, dis - pel our fears, shine



seek your way; now come and hear us as we pray.  
sin con - trols, and breaks our bonds and frees our souls.  
form to wear, and shared our hu - man want and care.  
fi - nal breath the dark - 'ning skies con - fessed your death.  
through our night, and reign for - ev - er, God of light.

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# ✝ WORD ✝

*We sit.*

## SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b–13

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- The Word of the Lord
- Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

Pastor David R. Lyle

*Silence is observed, then:*

- In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
- But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

*We stand and sing.*

## MAGNIFICAT



1. My soul \_\_\_ pro-claims God's might - y glo - ry  
2. God stands \_\_\_ with those de - prived of pow-er,



and my spir - it shall re-joice In God who saves me  
and God's pow-er will win the day; God gives the hun - gry





and ex - alts me, and who makes the poor his choice. God's  
food in plen - ty and he sends the rich a - way. God



boun - teous bles - sings fall up - on me from this day and  
emp - ties thrones and lifts the hum - ble, brings con - fu - sion



through all years: The might - y one has raised me up - ward:  
to the proud; Re - mem - bers those who are down - trod - den,



God is ho - ly, and God hears! \_\_\_\_\_  
and has saved us, as he vowed. \_\_\_\_\_



All glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, and to God the



on - ly Son, and glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

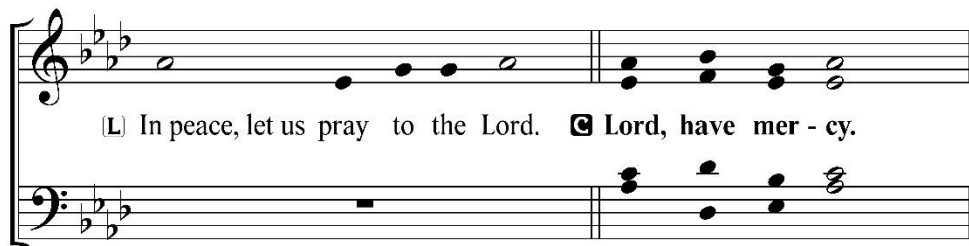


Glo - ry now and ev - er - more. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

# ✠ PRAYERS ✠

*We stand.*

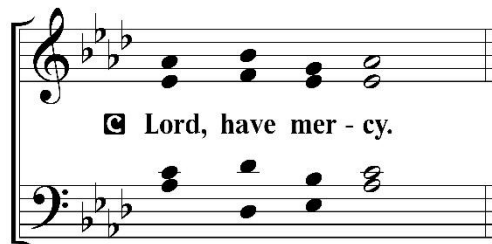
## LITANY



Ⓛ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

*After each petition:*

Ⓛ ... let us pray to the Lord.



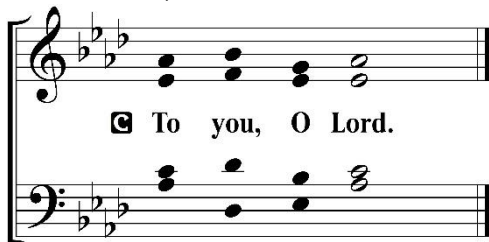
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

*The litany concludes:*

Ⓛ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence is kept, then:*

Ⓛ Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



☩ To you, O Lord.

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works:  
Give to us, your servants, the peace which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;  
and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,  
may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**C Amen.**

**L** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

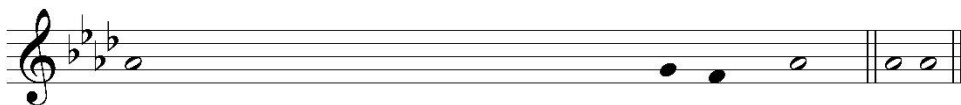
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you.

**C** A-men.

HYMN: O Word of God Incarnate

(green) LBW #231

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

*After the ministers in the chancel exit, we depart in peace.*

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

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