



Lent at Grace

For You: The Promises of Christ

Evening Prayer
The Fifth Wednesday of Lent
April 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.

✠ OPENING ✠

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

PRELUDE: My Song Is Love Unknown

arr. Michael D. Costello

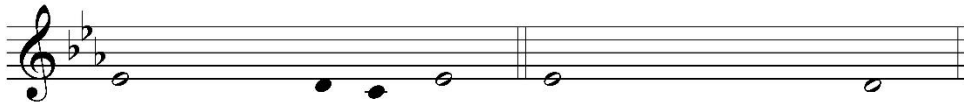
Following the prelude, silence is kept.

When the piano is played, we stand and face the candle at the entrance to the church.

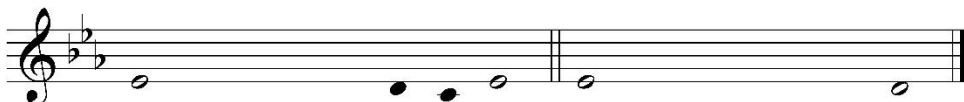
SERVICE OF LIGHT



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



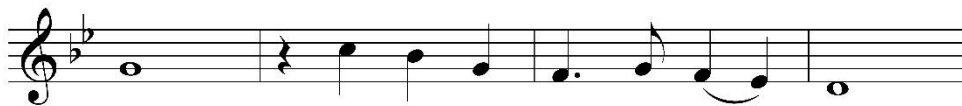
L Turn us again,
O God of our sal-vation, **C** that the light
of your face may shine on us.



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



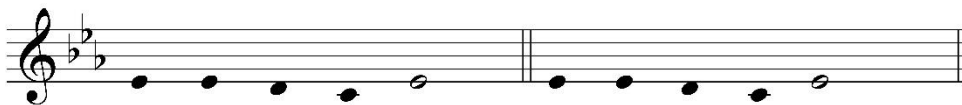
face, The e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing;
 night, our com-mon hymn out-pour - ing,
 songs, O Son of God, life giv - er.



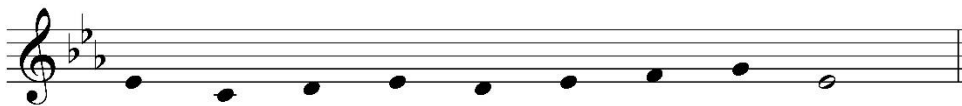
ce - les - tial, ho - ly blessed, our Sav - ior Je - sus
 O God of might un - known, you, the in - car - nate
 You, there-fore, O Most High, the world does glo - ri -



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.




[L] 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 148

- Ⓐ Praise the LORD | from the heavens;*
praise him | in the heights.
- Ⓒ **Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;*
praise him, | all his host.**
- Ⓐ Praise him, | sun and moon,*
praise him, all you | shining stars.
- Ⓒ **Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,*
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- Ⓐ Let them praise the name | of the LORD;*
for he commanded, and they | were created.
- Ⓒ **He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;*
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**
- Ⓐ Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- Ⓒ **fire and hail, | snow and fog,*
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**
- Ⓐ mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- Ⓒ **wild beasts | and all cattle,*
creeping things and | winged birds;**
- Ⓐ kings of the earth | and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers of the world;
- Ⓒ **young | men and maidens,*
old and | young together.**
- Ⓐ Let them praise the name | of the LORD,*
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- Ⓒ **He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his | loyal servants,*
the children of Israel, a people | who are near him.**

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

- ☐ God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe,
and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life.
Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips,
and let the praise that is sung in heaven
resound in the heart of every creature on earth,
to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever
- ☑ **Amen.**

We stand.

HYMN: Glory Be to Jesus

(green) **LBW #95**

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;

5 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

We sit.

READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Pastor David R. Lyle

Silence is observed, then:

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C **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,



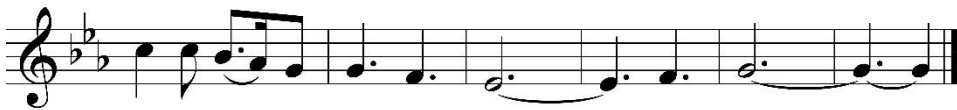
God is ho - ly, and God hears! _____
and has saved us, as he vowed. _____



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. _____

We sit.

ANTHEM: Little Lamb

African-American Spiritual
arr. Ken Berg

Little Lamb, little lamb, little innocent lamb,
I'm a-gonna serve God 'til I die.

Little Lamb, little lamb, little innocent lamb,
I'm a-gonna serve God 'til I die.

This ol' world says to get all that you can.

I'm a-gonna serve God 'til I die.

But my Lord has offer'd a much better plan.

I'm a-gonna serve God 'til I die.

✠ **PRAYERS** ✠

We stand.

LITANY

(L) In peace, let us pray to the Lord. (C) Lord, have mer - cy.

After each petition:

(L) ... let us pray to the Lord.

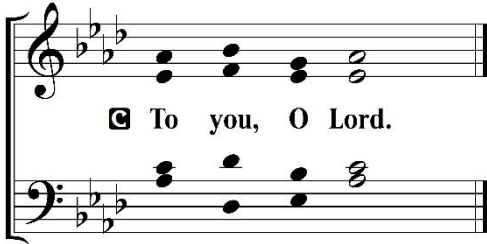
(C) Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



℣ 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.

☩ **Amen.**

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

☩ **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,

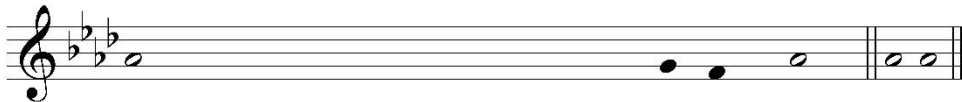
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



P The almighty and merciful Lord,

C A-men.

the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you.

HYMN: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

(green) **LBW #301**



- 1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
- 2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
- 3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain flows to you, to me, to all,
here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou - bled peace may find.
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Health this foun - tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.
signed when our re - deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: NAAR MIT OÏE, Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, leading and preaching minister

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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