



Lent at Grace

For You: The Promises of Christ

Evening Prayer
The Sixth Wednesday of Lent
April 9, 2025
7:00 p.m.

✝ OPENING ✝

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

PRELUDE: If Then You Have Been Raised with Christ

Michael D. Costello

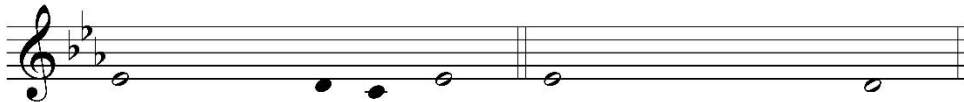
Following the prelude, silence is kept.

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

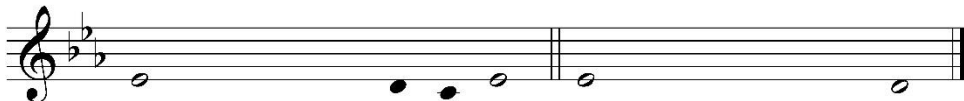
SERVICE OF LIGHT



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



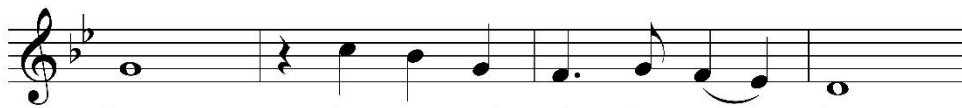
L Turn us again,
O God of our sal-vation, **C** that the light
of your face may shine on us.



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.



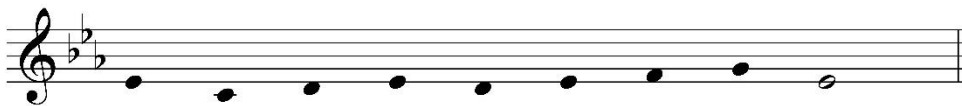
ce - les - tial, ho - ly blessed, our Sav - ior Je - sus
 O God of might un - known, you, the in - car - nate
 You, there - fore, O Most High, the world does glo - ri -



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.




☪ 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 16

Setting by Marty Haugen

The antiphon is sung by the soloist/choir; we repeat it and join in singing each time thereafter.



G You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



In your pres - ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

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L Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune.
Never shall I look to other gods; you shall be my one hope.

G **ANTIPHON**

L From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety.
Through the night you speak within my heart; silently you teach me.

G **ANTIPHON**

L So my heart shall sing for joy; in your arms I rest securely.
You will not abandon me to death; you shall not desert me.

G **ANTIPHON**

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

L Lord Jesus, uphold those who hope in you, and give us your counsel,
so that we may know the joy of your resurrection
and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We stand.

HYMN: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

(green) **LBW #487**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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We sit.

READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

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. _____

Continued on the next page.

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

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

After each petition:

L ... let us pray to the Lord.

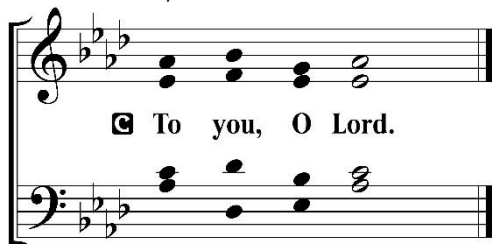
G Lord, have mer - cy.

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.**

CHORAL COLLECT: Luther's Evening Prayer

Carl Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the day,
Now keep me safe this night, I pray.

Forgive my sins where I have erred
In wrongful deed or thought or word.
Be with me through the dark night hours
Lest I succumb to Satan's powers.

Into your hands, O Father,
I offer all I am and have.
Your holy angel in the night
Keep watch o'er me till morning light.

O Christ, my Savior, be my song
Each morning, evening, all day long,
Who with the Father we give praise,
And Holy Spirit, all our days. Amen.

Martin Luther, adapted by Carl F. Schalk

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,

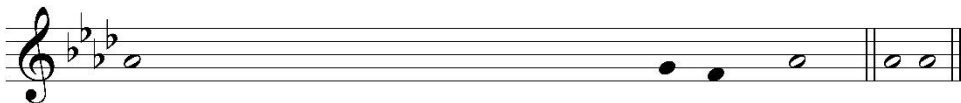
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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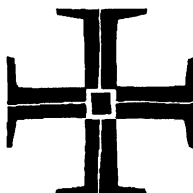
P Let us bless the Lord.

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: As the Sun with Longer Journey

(blue) **WOV #655**



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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