



that Comes in Many Ways

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Midweek Lent III

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Compline – *LSB 253*

“Love that Comes in Many Ways”

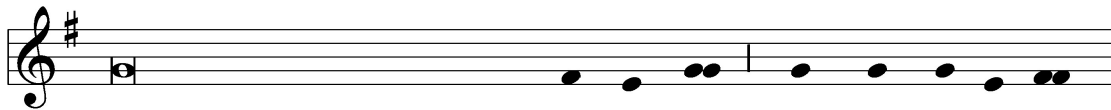
In his great love, God’s Spirit richly and repeatedly bestows His forgiveness through diverse means of grace.

The congregation assembles in silence.

Opening Verses

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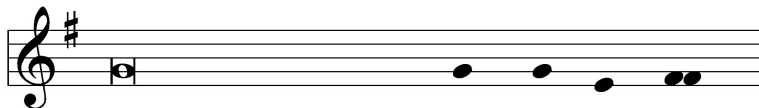
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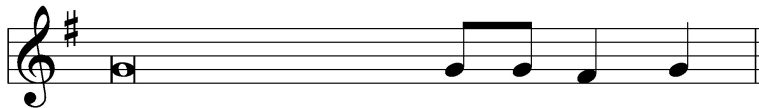
L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



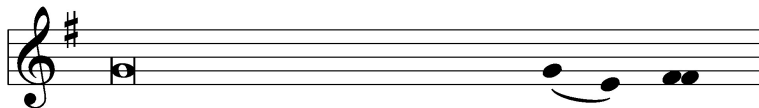
C A - men.



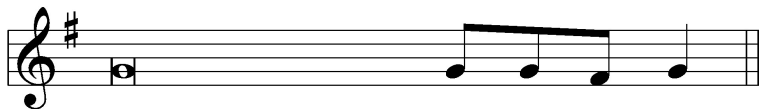
L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



C to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



L to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession

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

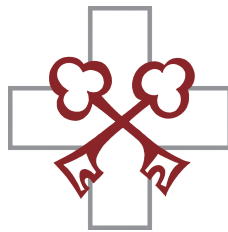
(Silence for self-examination.)

L Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C Amen.



Sit

Office Hymn

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

LSB 428 sts. 1–3

1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!

Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing

Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!



Third Article and Explanation

☐ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 24:44–49

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Responsory

L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

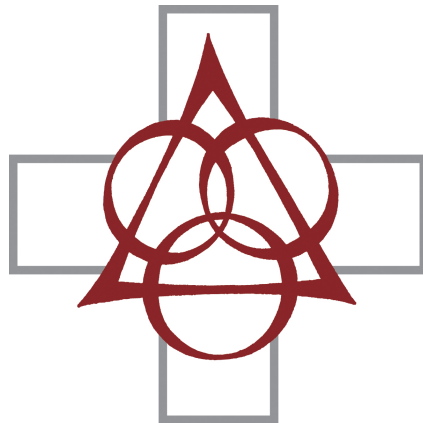
C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



Hymn

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645 sts. 1, 3–4



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



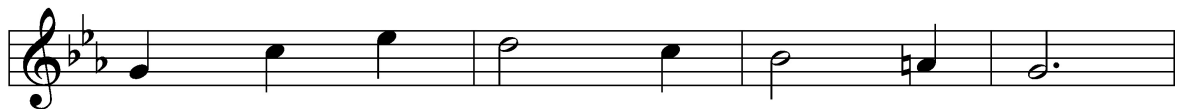
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

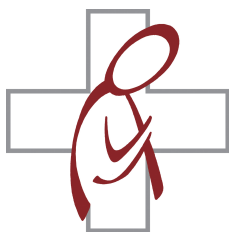


Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

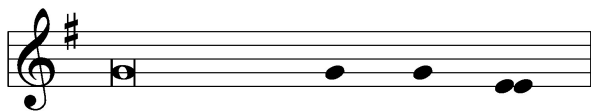


Sermon

Stand



Prayer



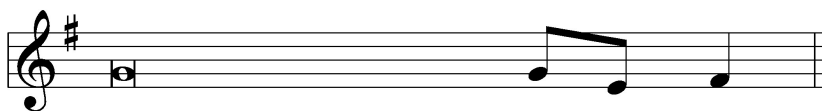
L Hear my prayer, O Lord;



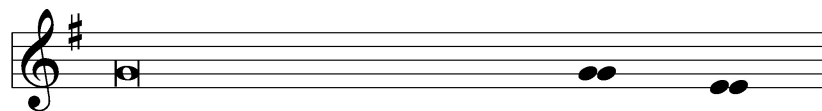
C listen to my cry.



L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



L In righteousness I shall see You;



C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

L Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 257

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258



L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared

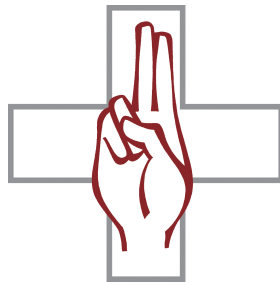


in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions



and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -
Antiphon
 ev - er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



Benediction

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[L] The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the ✠ Son,
 and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.
 [C] A - men.

Hymn to Depart

“Abide with Me”
LSB 878 sts. 1-2, 4, 6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.



Some excerpts from
What Luther Says: A Practical In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian

Compiled by Ewald M. Plass

2872 Diligently Use the Means of Grace

Since, then, the church has the command to dispense the forgiveness of sins in this way, no one should despise these means of grace, but everyone should use them gladly and often; for Christ certainly did not institute them without a reason. No doubt He knew that we need such remedies, for the devil and our flesh certainly surprise us quickly and cast us into sin. Then where shall we go? For what the wages of sin are we well know. Therefore we must be afraid. We should go nowhere but to the flock to whom Christ has given the command to forgive sin through the Word, Baptism, and the Sacrament.

2873 Constant Use May Dull Attention

We evidently experience what Pythagoras fabled about the movement of the celestial spheres, either of his own accord or on the basis of remarks of the fathers. He said that the movements of the heavenly bodies constantly send forth the loveliest music, but that the hearts and ears of mortals have been so dulled by this ceaseless music of the spheres that they no longer hear it.

Thus we see God baptizing, absolving, comforting, administering Communion. But who listens or marvels at this? We are moved slightly or not at all by God's warning, promise, comfort, and Sacraments. Therefore we deserve to be punished for paying no attention to this most lovely and melodious music of heaven. Even if we heard angels preach in their majesty, we would not be moved any more by it than we now are by hearing our pastor or other ministers preach. If we were sure that what we hear is the Word of God, we would not snore so and be so lazy and secure. But because we think mere men are speaking and that it is man's word that we hear, we become unreasonable beasts. We sigh and mourn because original sin is so strong even in the regenerated. Enough and more than enough blaspheming and persecuting of the Word is going on in other respects.

Serving Our Worship Today:

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Pastor Joel Shaltanis

Organist:

Victoria Frinsko

Altar Guild:

Lynda Abbott, Laurie George, Kathy Hite, Nevelle Vess

Elder:

Dave Peters

Offering

There is an offering basket by the doors as you exit. Midweek Lenten offerings will go toward our scholarship fund for member children who will attend Lutheran schools.