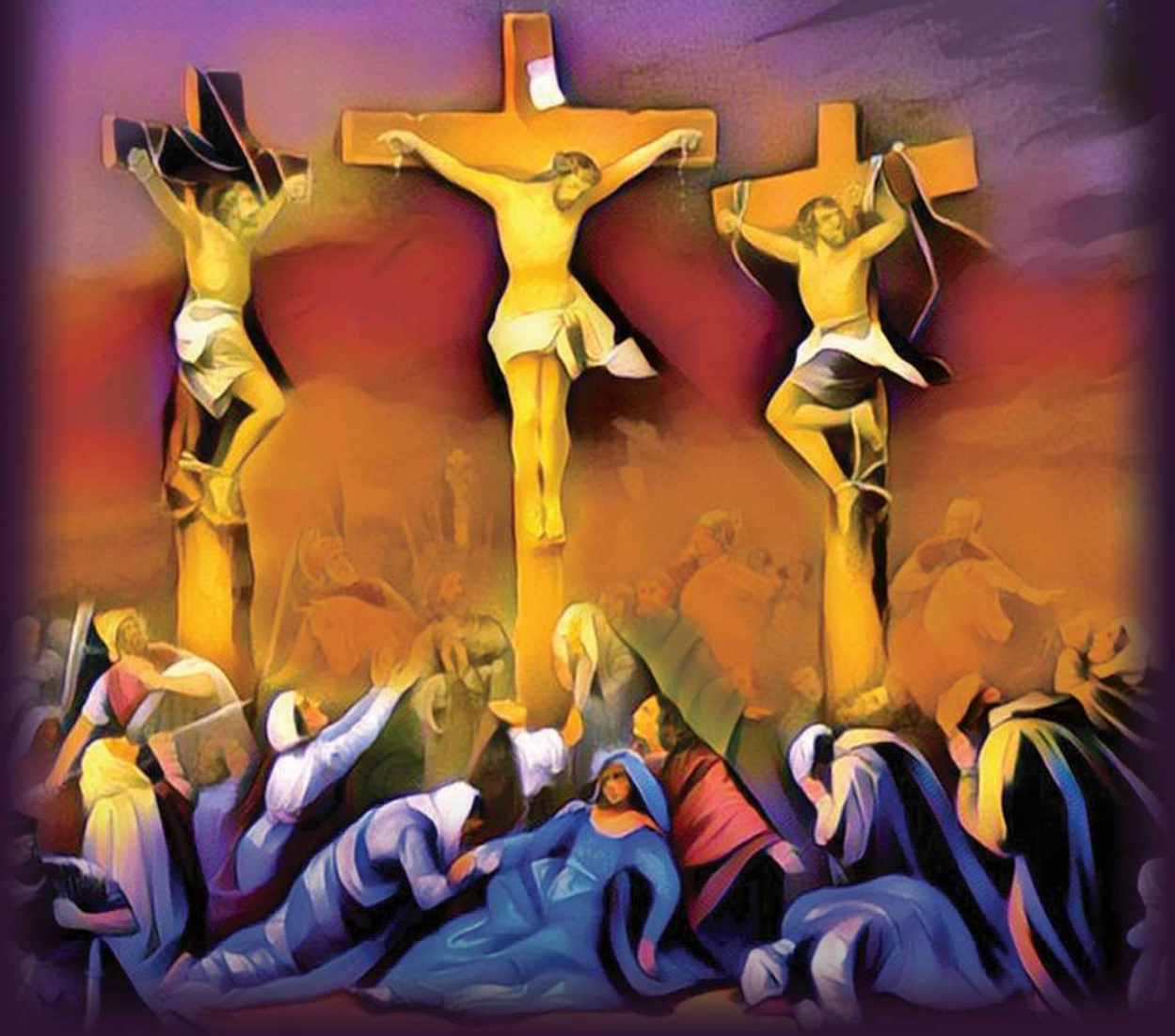


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# WITNESSES TO CHRIST



*Mary, the Sister of Lazarus  
and Martha*

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### Midweek Lent I

March 9, 2022

7:00 pm

Compline – *LSB 253*

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### WITNESSES TO CHRIST

Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, was a witness to Christ as recorded in John's Gospel. As Jesus and many others are gathered for dinner, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with an ointment that was worth a year's wages. What a generous act! Mary's generosity is contrasted with Judas's greed. Judas criticizes Mary's generosity toward Jesus, saying that the ointment could have been sold and the proceeds given to the poor. But John notes something important: Judas did not say this because he cared about the poor. Judas kept the moneybag for the disciples and had been continually stealing from it. While Mary is generous toward Jesus, Judas seeks his own advantage. We remember Mary's generosity and love, which point us to Jesus.

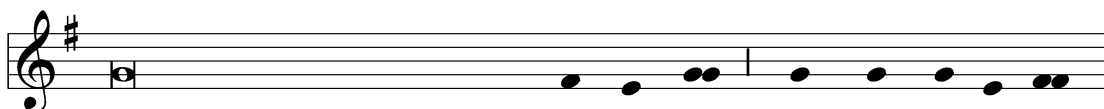
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### Opening Verses

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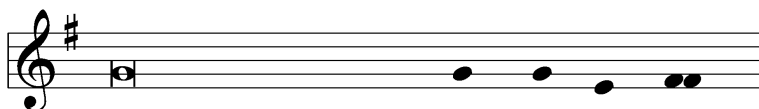
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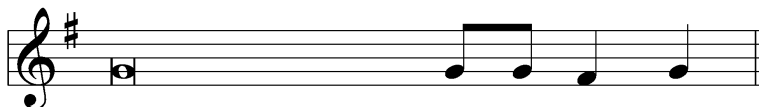
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.



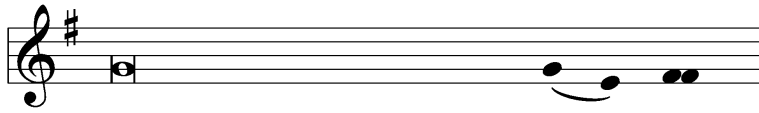
**C** A - men.



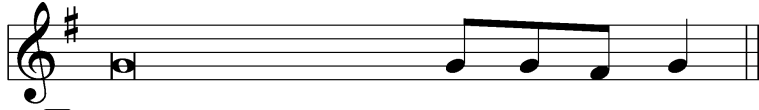
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



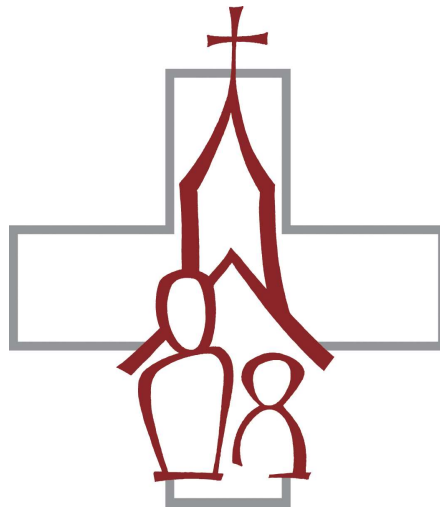
**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.



## Confession

LSB 254

**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*

# Series Hymn: "Behold! The Lamb of God," John Said

sts. 1, 3-4



1 "Be - hold! The Lamb of God," John said, "Who  
3 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those Who  
4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ's



takes all sin a - way." This Lamb is Christ, who  
view God's Word as dross, For world - ly wis - dom  
Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.  
nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.  
will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



"Be - hold your King!" by Pi - late scourged; Sin's  
Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His  
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,



hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,  
per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,  
fol - low on the path Christ chose:



While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their  
His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt  
The cross, the tomb from which He rose In



Sav - ior to be - tray.  
can - celed on the cross.  
joy - ous vic - to - ry!

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Proverbs 11:24–28*

**P** A reading from Proverbs, the eleventh chapter.

<sup>24</sup>One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;  
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

<sup>25</sup>Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,  
and one who waters will himself be watered.

<sup>26</sup>The people curse him who holds back grain,  
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,  
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

<sup>28</sup>Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,  
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*2 Corinthians 9:6–12*

**P** A reading from Second Corinthians, the ninth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*John 12:1–11*

**P** A reading from St. John, the twelfth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at the table. <sup>3</sup>Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance

of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

<sup>9</sup>When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

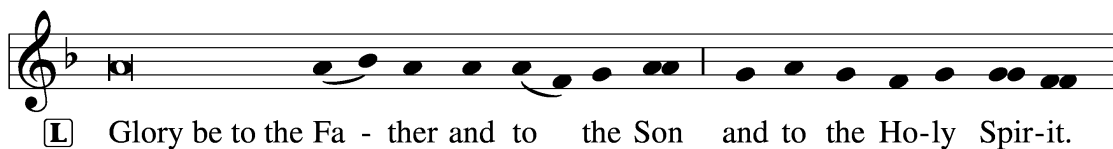
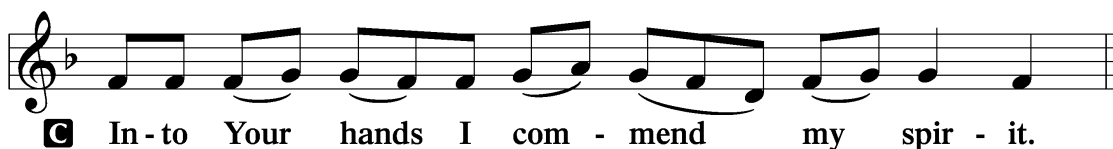
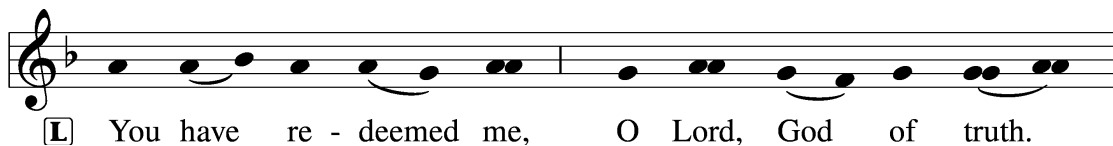
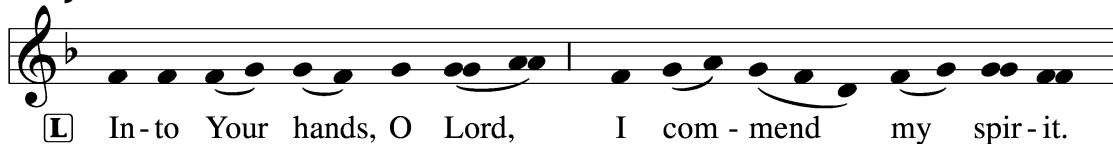
<sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

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## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

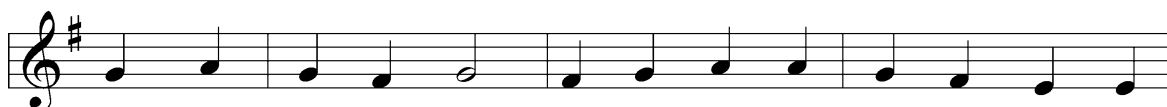
LSB 423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



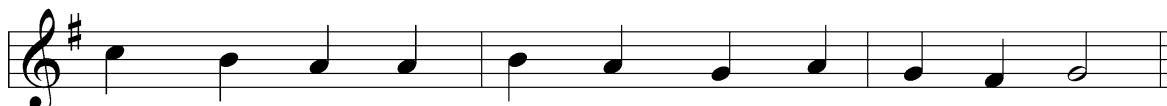
whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel

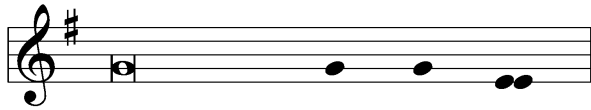
## Sermon

*(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link. The Lenten offerings will be equally split between the Assistance Center of Collin County and Hope's Door.)*

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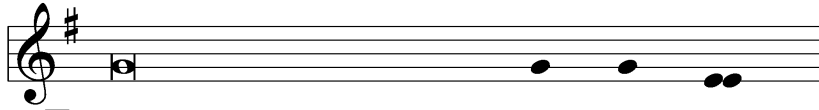
## Prayer



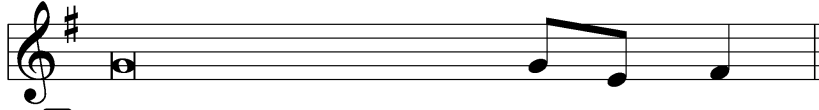
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



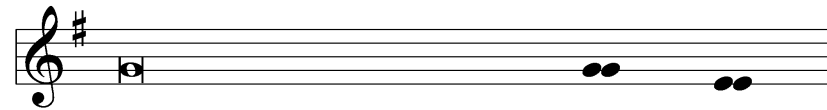
**C** listen to my cry.



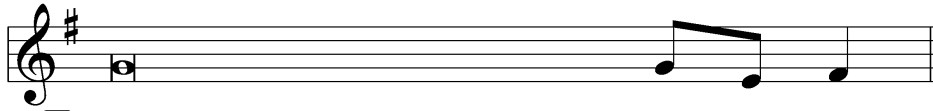
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**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** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; 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

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## SONG OF SIMEON

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 258

*Antiphon*



**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

LSB 259

**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: 433 Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433 sts. 1–5



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 ex - ult - ing Wafts its praise on high,  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.  
An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.  
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. ne: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76

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