

✠ The Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠

March 9–10, 2024

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 am ✠

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

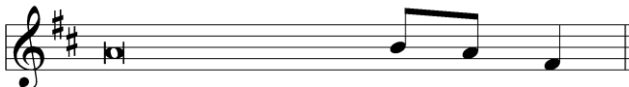
(Hymn of the Month) “O Christ, You Walked the Road” *LSB* 424

Versicles

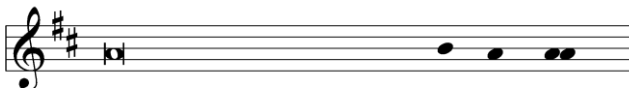
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Lent Antiphon

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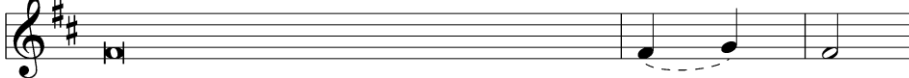
L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

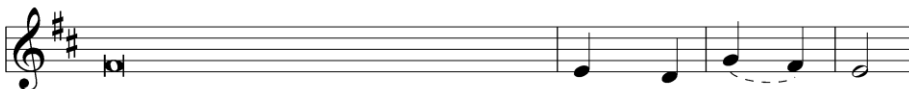
Venite

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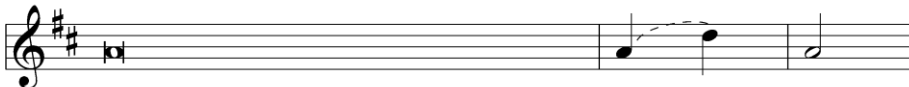
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

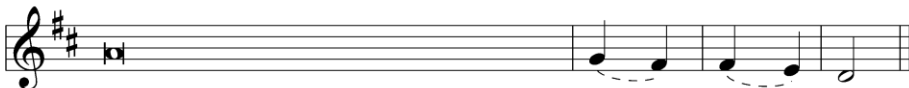


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Lent Antiphon

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L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalmody

Psalm 107:1–9

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C whom He has redeemed from trouble

P and gathered in from the lands,

C from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

P Some wandered in desert wastes,

C finding no way to a city to dwell in;

P hungry and thirsty,

C their soul fainted within them.

P Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

C and He delivered them from their distress.

P He led them by a straight way

C till they reached a city to dwell in.

P Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,

C for His wondrous works to the children of men!

P For He satisfies the longing soul,

C and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because He has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than

Prayer

Kyrie Hymn

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Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

P 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.**

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the 18th wedding anniversary of Aaron and Jackie Weber. (March 18)
- † Nancy Westerbeck upcoming surgery.
- † Sherry Bierwagen continued recovery.

Concluding Collect

P Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB* 426

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Preacher

Liturgist

Assisting Seminarian

Organist

Pastor Thomas

Pastor Wade

(5:00) **Joshua Horst**

(8:00) **Max Johnston**

Kantor Gerhardt

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