

Sixth Wednesday of Lent

April 1, 2020

11:30 a.m.


Morning Prayer

WELCOME

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

✝ OPENING ✝

OPENING VERSICLES



Three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The lyrics are: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise." The second staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'G'. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;" The third staff continues the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-nig, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men".

□ O Lord, open my lips, □ and my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

□ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

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

✝ PSALMODY ✝

VENITE



Three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The lyrics are: "Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us wor-ship him." The second staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'G'. The lyrics are: "Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal-" The third staff continues the lyrics: "va-tion. □ Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks-giv-ing".

□ Give glory to God, our light and our life. □ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

□ Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal-

va-tion. □ Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks-giv-ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. Ⅱ For the Lord is a great God



and a great king a-bove all gods. Ⅰ In his hand are the caverns of the earth;



the heights of the hills are al- so his. Ⅱ The sea is his, for he made it;



and his hands have mold-ed the dry land. Ⅰ Oh, come, let us bow



down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak-er. Ⅱ For he



is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.



☩ Glo-ry 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-ev-er. A-men



Ⅰ Give glory to God, our light and our life. ☩ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

PSALM 130

- L** Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, | hear my voice;*
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.
- C** If you, Lord, were to note what is | done amiss,*
O Lord, | who could stand?
- L** For there is forgive- | ness with you;*
therefore you | shall be feared.
- C** I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;*
in his word | is my hope.
- L** My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen | for the morning,*
more than watchmen | for the morning.
- C** O Israel, wait | for the Lord,*
for with the Lord | there is mercy;
- L** with him there is plen- | teous redemption,*
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

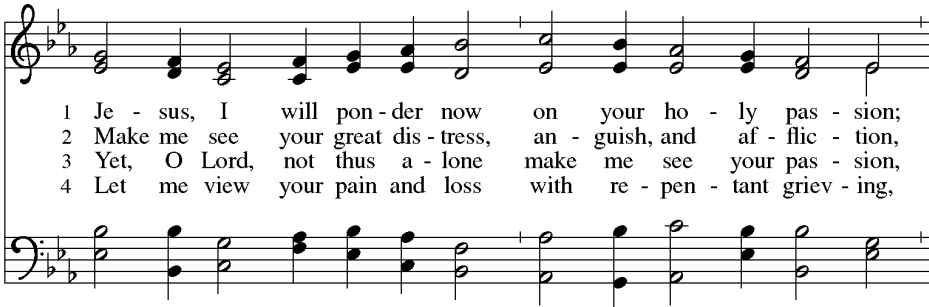
Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

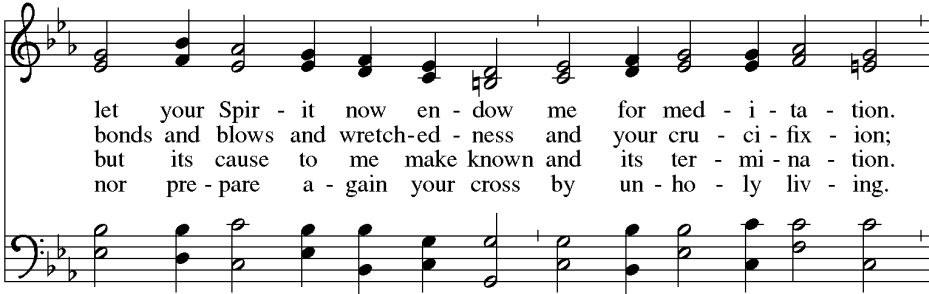
- L** God of might and compassion,
you sent your Word into the world as a watchman to announce the dawn of salvation.
Do not leave us in the depths of our sins,
but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redeeming grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

(green) LBW #115



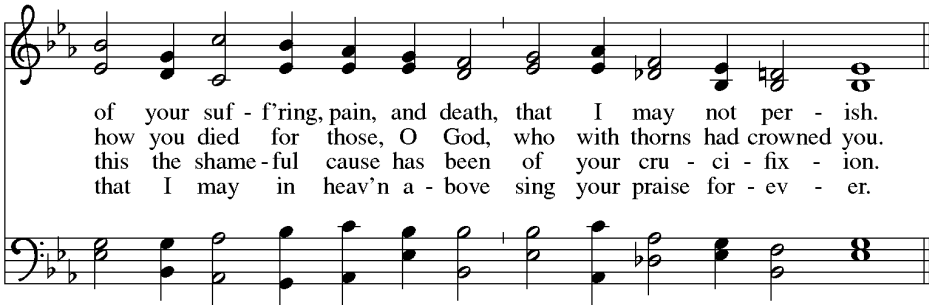
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

✠ WORD ✠

READING: Matthew 27:27–34

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Silence is observed, then:

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

G But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE



G Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has
come to his peo - ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a
might - y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

Through his ho - ly proph - ets he prom - ised of old that he would

save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers and to re -

mem - ber his ho - ly cov - e - nant. This was the oath he swore to our

fa - ther A - bra - ham: to set us free from the hands of our

en - e - mies, free to wor - ship him with - out fear,

ho - ly and righ - teous in his sight all the days of our life.

☐ You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,

for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare his way,

to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness

of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,

to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,

and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

Glo - ry 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-ev - er. A - men

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PRAYERS

CONCLUDING PRAYER

℣ O Lord, almighty and everlasting God,
you have brought us in safety to this new day;
preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do,
direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

℣ 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.

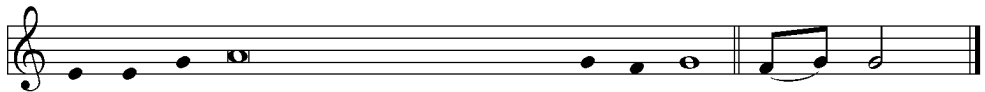
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



℣ Let us bless the Lord. ✠ Thanks be to God.



℣ The Lord al-mighty bless us, ✠ A - men
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

HYMN: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

(green) LBW #421



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up - on a cross
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in life where sin
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will we a - gain
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us your new



they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing king - ship's worth
 de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom
 re - fuse you, till in the night of hate and war
 cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;



by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 the pow'r which cru - ci - fies you, till
 we per - ish as we lose you? From
 we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone was left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross to fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.

Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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