

## **Fifth Wednesday of Lent**

**March 25, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

*Evening Prayer*

## WELCOME

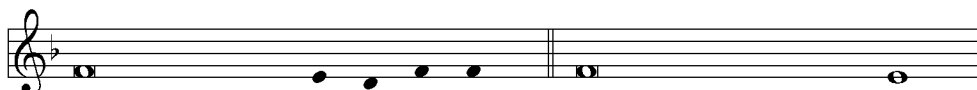
In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## ✠ OPENING ✠

### SERVICE OF LIGHT



**℣** Behold, now is the accept - ab - le time; **℟** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



**℣** Turn us again,  
O God of our sal - va - tion, **℟** that the light  
of your face may shine on us.



**℣** May your justice shine like the sun; **℟** and may the poor be lifted up.



**℣** Joy - ous light of glo - ry: **℟** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: You are wor - thy of

be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,

O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give him 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 ✠

## PSALM 141





*Silence for meditation is observed, then:*

## PSALM PRAYER

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.



## PSALM 70

- L** Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;\*  
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
- C** Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;\*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- L** Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over | me turn back,\*  
because they | are ashamed.
- C** Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*  
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the Lord!”
- L** But as for me, I am | poor and needy;\*  
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
- C** You are my helper and | my deliverer;\*  
O Lord, | do not tarry.

*Silence for meditation is observed, then:*

### PSALM PRAYER

- L** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.  
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety,  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## HYMN: In the Hour of Trial

*(green)* LBW #106

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,

lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
 or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
 or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,

When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
 grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;

nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

# ✠ WORD ✠

**READING:** Matthew 26:20–29

<sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**HOMILY**

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*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.

**MAGNIFICAT**



🙏 My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.



From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.



The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.

He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the

proud in their con-ceit. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,

and has lift-ed up the low-ly. He has filled the

hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el,

for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise he

made to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham and his chil-dren for-ev-er.

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 ✝

### LITANY

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

*After each petition:*

☐ ...let us pray to the Lord.

☑ 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.

☑ To you, O Lord.

**L** 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.

**C Amen.**

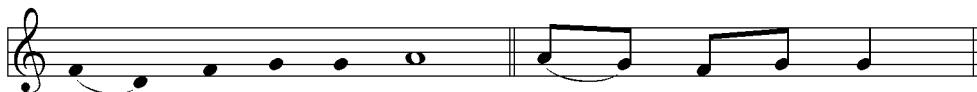
**L** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours,  
 and to you the darkness is no threat.  
 Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night,  
 especially those who watch and work on behalf of others.  
 Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service,  
 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 Amen.**

**L** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

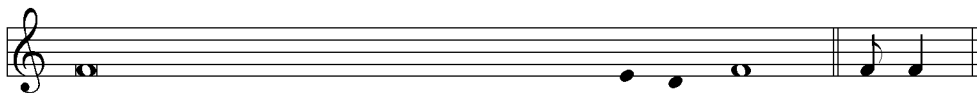
**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS DOMINO & BENEDICTION



**L** 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: Abide with Me

(green) LBW #272

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 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;  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 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;  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

# LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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