

Fifth Wednesday of Lent

March 25, 2020

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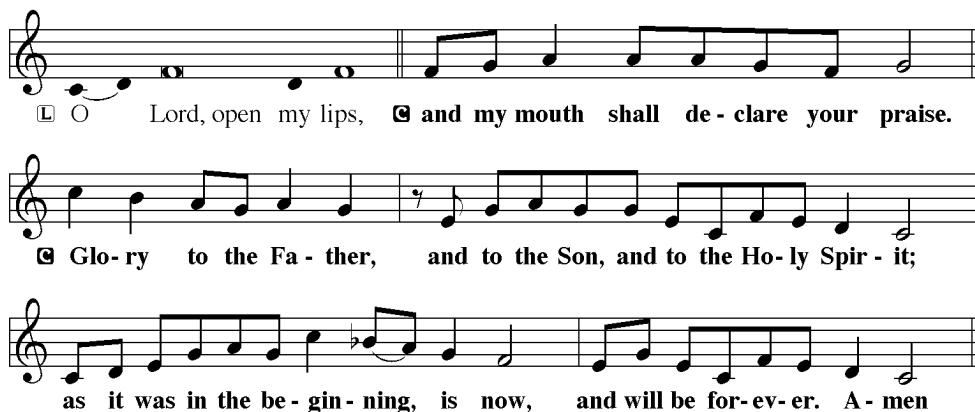
Morning Prayer

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



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

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.

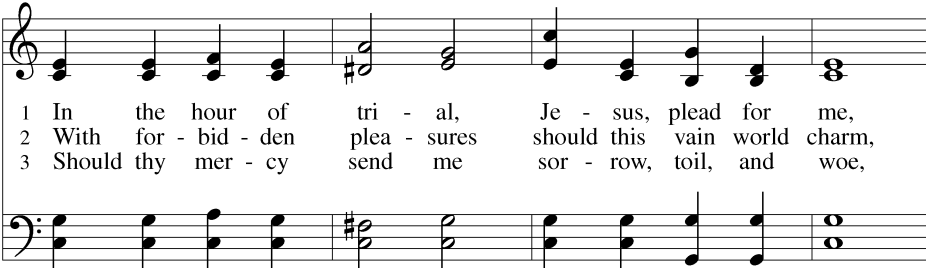
Silence for meditation is observed, then:

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

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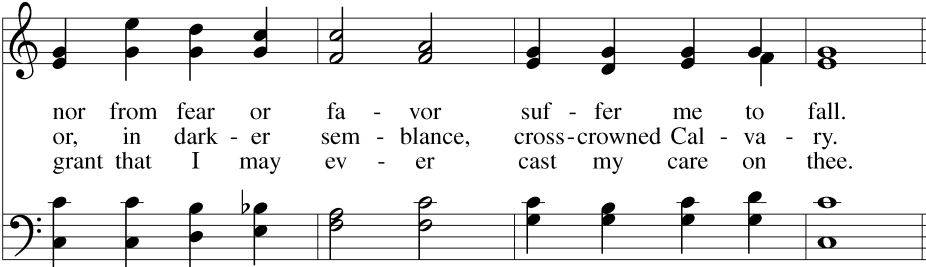
1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



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

⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³But 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.” ⁶⁴Jesus 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.”

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

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Pastor David R. Lyle

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.

GOSPEL CANTICLE



🙏 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

L 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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

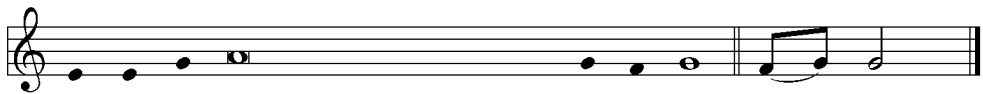
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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.



L The Lord al-mighty bless us,
and direct our days and our deeds in his peace. **C** A - men

HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

(green) **LBW #230**

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a four-part harmony. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, leader
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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