

## **Fourth Wednesday of Lent**

**March 18, 2020**

**11:30 a.m.**

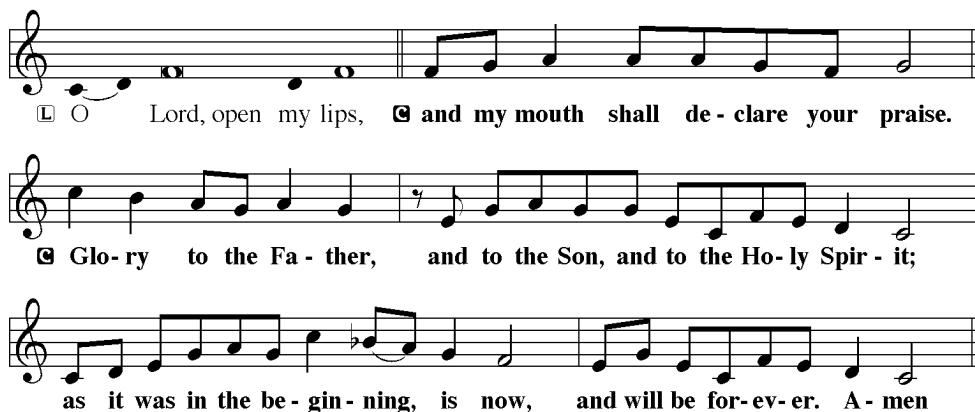
*Morning Prayer*

## 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, G-clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise." The second staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;" The third staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. The lyrics are: "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 - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

## ✝ PSALMODY ✝

### VENITE



Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, G-clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. 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 common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. 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 begins with a common time signature 'C' and a fermata over the first note. The lyrics are: "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 31:1–8

- L** In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*  
deliver me | in your righteousness.
- C** **Incline your | ear to me;\***  
**make haste to de- | liver me.**
- L** Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag | and my stronghold;\*  
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.
- C** **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,\***  
**for you are my tow- | er of strength.**
- L** Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,\*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O | God of truth.
- C** **I hate those who cling to | worthless idols,\***  
**and I put my trust | in the LORD.**
- L** I will rejoice and be glad because | of your mercy;\*  
for you have seen my affliction; you know | my distress.
- C** **You have not shut me up in the power | of the enemy,\***  
**you have set my feet in an | open place.**

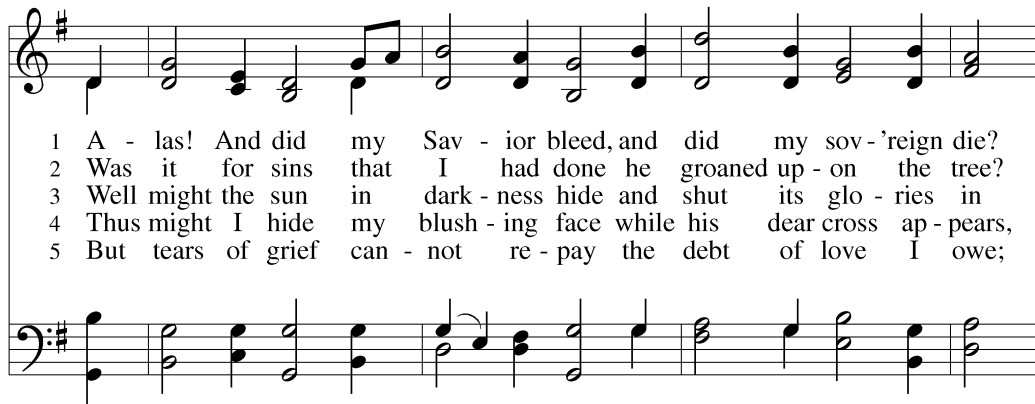
*Silence for meditation is observed, then:*

### PSALM PRAYER

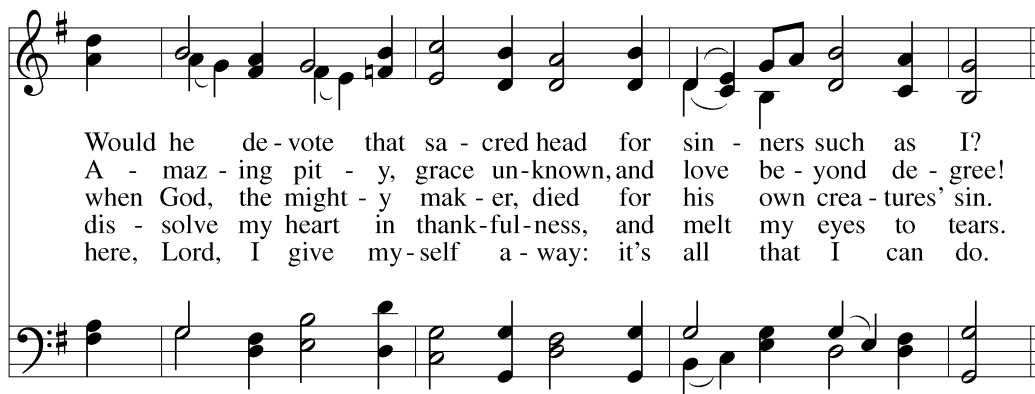
- L** God of kindness and truth,  
you saved your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and you give your martyrs strength.  
Watch over your people who come to you now,  
and strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you,  
that they may proclaim your saving acts of kindness in the eternal city;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

# HYMN: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

(green) **LBW #98**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank-ful-ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my-self a - way: it's all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

# ✠ WORD ✠

## READING: Matthew 26:20–29

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, [Jesus] took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

## HOMILY

Deacon E. Louise Williams

*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

℣ 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

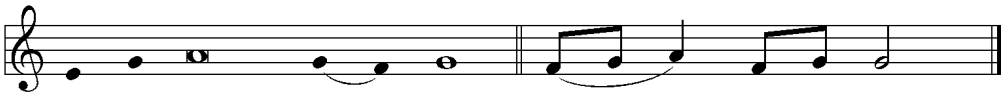
℣ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

✠ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

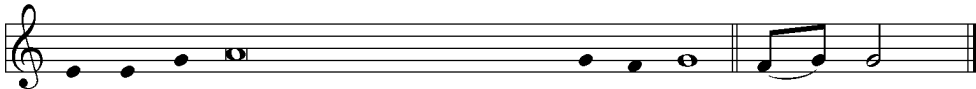
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

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

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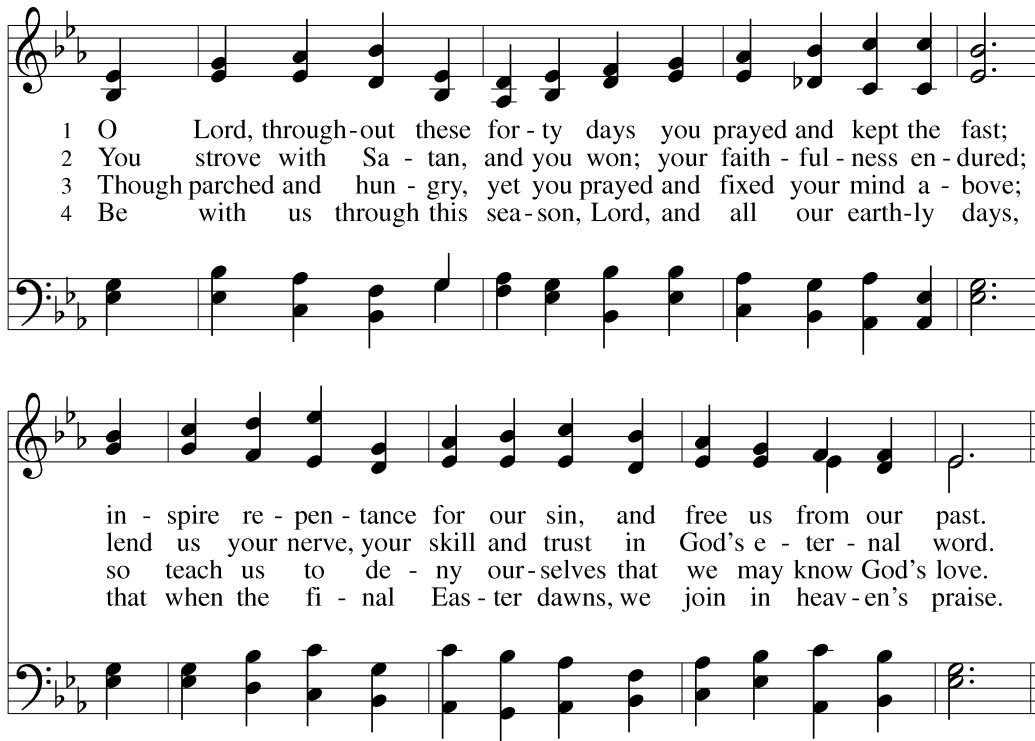
℣ Let us bless the Lord. ✠ Thanks be to God.



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

## HYMN: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

(green) **LBW #99**



1 O Lord, through-out these for-ty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
2 You strove with Sa-tan, and you won; your faith-ful-ness en-dured;  
3 Though parched and hun-gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a-bove;  
4 Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days,

in-spire re-pen-tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e-ter-nal word.  
so teach us to de-niy our-selves that we may know God's love.  
that when the fi-nal Eas-ter dawns, we join in heav-en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Music: CAITHNESS. *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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