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LENTEN MIDWEEK 2

Four Significant Days

Significant Action: Monday of Holy Week

February 24, 2021



AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we encounter Jesus acting in a way that is somewhat unfamiliar to us: He is angry and forceful, clearing the temple of all those who have turned His Father's house into a den of robbers. We would do well to consider if God's house in our own church is what Jesus desires: a house of prayer for all nations.

Our order of service throughout the Lenten Midweek services is an adaptation of Vespers (LSB 229-234) and Evening Prayer (LSB 243-252) with musical settings by Marty Haugen, inspired by Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington state.

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Paul Johnston

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB, p. 229

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Leader or Assistant

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All

the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All *Leader or Assistant*

and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All

and shine within your peo - ple here.

EVENING HYMN

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

All

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

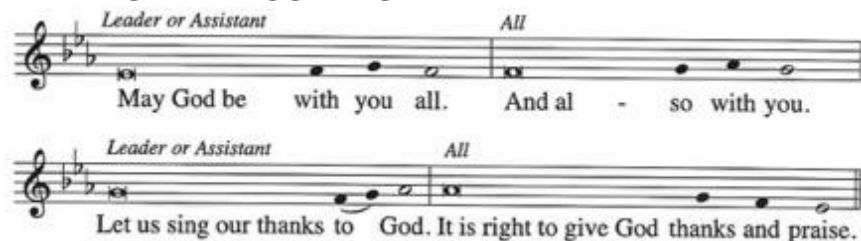
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



EVENING THANKSGIVING



Cantor: *Blessed are You, Creator of the universe, from old you have led Your people by night and day. May the light of Your Christ make our darkness bright, for Your Word and Your presence are the light of our pathways, and You are the light and life of all creation.*



✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALM

Psalm 11

In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain,"² for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;³ if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.⁵ The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.⁶ Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.⁷ For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

✠ READINGS ✠

READING

Isaiah 56:1–8

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed." ² Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸ The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

1 Peter 1:13–21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Mark 11:15–19

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

LSB, p. 231

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Pastor: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

People: **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Pastor: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

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SERMON

✠ CANTICLE ✠

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The Annunciation and Magnificat

Luke 1:26-55

Cantor: *An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child and His name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do Your will."*

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

D.C.

✠ PRAYER ✠

KYRIE

LSB, p. 233

Pastor: Lord, have mercy;
People: Christ, have mercy;
 Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.
People: And let my cry come to You.
 Pastor: Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Pastor:

O God, You sent Your Son to restore Your house to be a house of prayer for all nations. Give us courage to approach Your throne in prayer and to invite all nations to be Your people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Pastor:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People:

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.

BLESSING

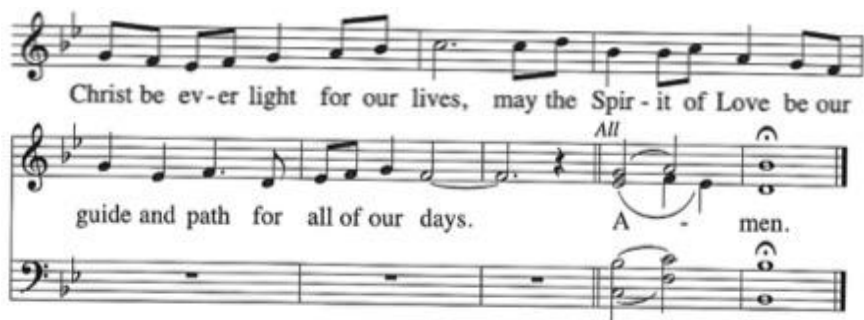
The musical notation for the Blessing consists of two staves. The first staff is in 2/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It is divided into two parts: the first part is for the 'Leader or Assistant' and the second part is for 'All'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.' The second staff is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It is for the 'Leader or Assistant' and the lyrics are 'May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may'.

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

Leader or Assistant

May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may



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