



GOD ON TRIAL

RESTRAINT

Midweek Lent 2

February 21, 2024

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The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

Ash Wednesday/Midweek 1 Accusations..... Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6
Midweek 2 Restraint Luke 22:47-53
Midweek 3 Testimony Matthew 26:57-75
Midweek 4 Misconceptions Luke 23:1-12
Midweek 5 Truth John 18:33-40
Midweek 6 Sympathy Luke 23:26-34
Holy Thursday Respite Luke 22:7-20
Good Friday Evidence Matthew 27:38-54

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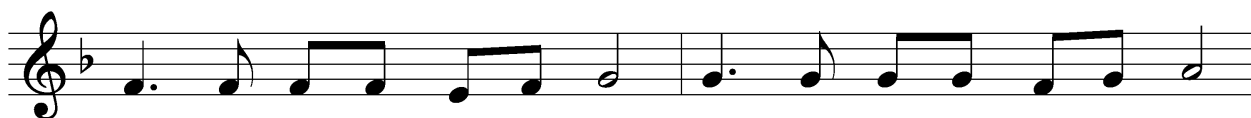
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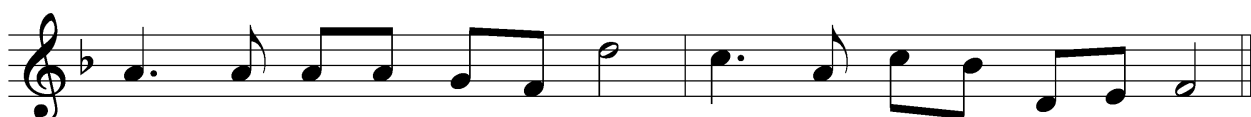
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OPENING HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away | 784



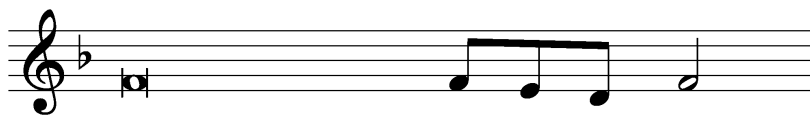
1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.
3 Let my near and dear ones be safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; you once died that I might live.
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



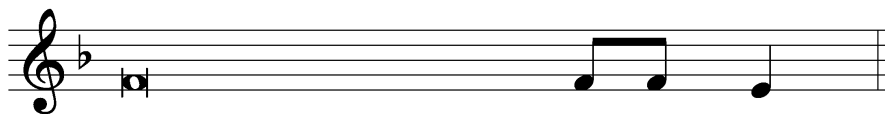
ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.
Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.
O bring me and all I love to your hap - py home a - bove.
All your pre - cious gifts are free— oh, how good you are to me!
Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES



Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

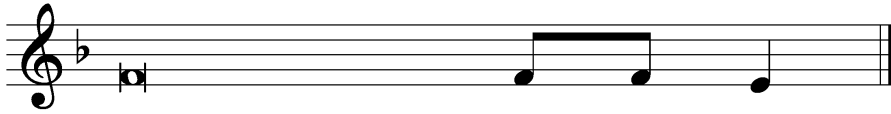


and the day is almost o - ver.





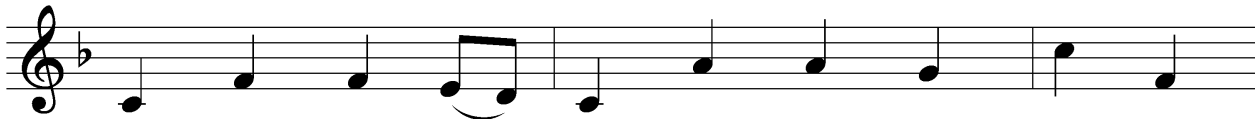
Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

HYMN OF LIGHT

*Phos hilaron*¹



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

¹ literally translates, light of hilarity, or gladdening light

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

Psalm 141



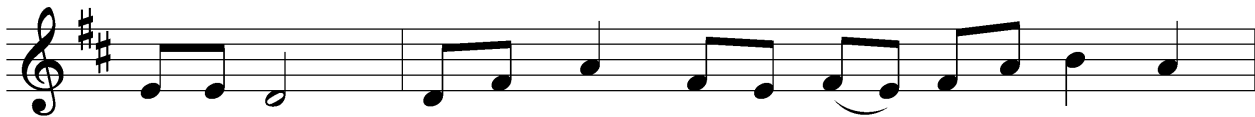
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

PSALM PRAYER

Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated



PSALM OF THE DAY

God Is My Strong Salvation | **71(A)**

Cantor: 1st refrain, verses **Congregation:** repeat 1st refrain/remaining refrains

Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;
let me never be / put to shame.
In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;
turn your ear to me and / save me.
Be my rock of / refuge,
to which I can / always go. **Refrain**

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,
and to this day I declare your / marv'ulous deeds.
Even when I am / old and gray,
do not forsake / me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,
your mighty acts to all who / are to come. **Refrain**

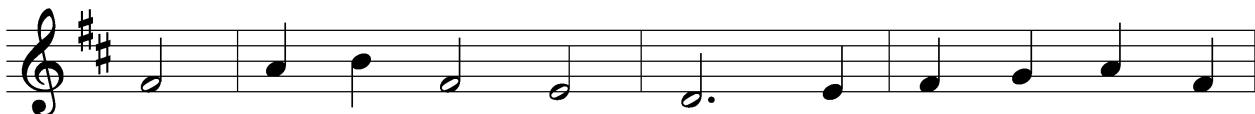
READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

The Passover & the Lord's Supper

We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown | **397:1-5**



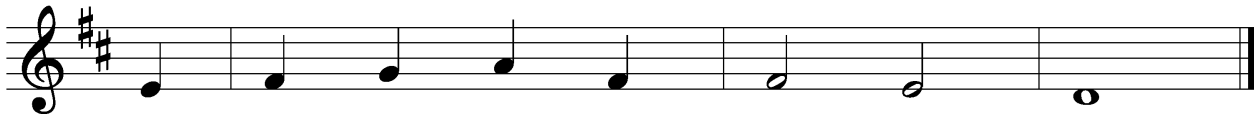
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love-less shown that they might love - ly
 stow, but such dis-dain! So few the longed-for Christ would
 sing, re-sound-ing all the day ho-san-nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
 way. A mur-der-er they save, the Prince of life they



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in-deed,
 King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer-ful he to suf-f'ring goes



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 them-selves dis-please and 'gainst him rise.
 that he his foes from death might free.

*Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683, alt.
 Tune: John N. Ireland, 1879-1962 Text and tune: Public domain*

SERMON

God on Trial: Restraint

Luke 22:47-53

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

SONG OF MARY

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-ceil. 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 made to our fa - thers,

to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

LENTEN PRAYER

Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

Abide with us and with your whole Church.

Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world.

Abide with us with your grace and goodness, with your holy Word and Sacrament,
with your strength and blessing.

Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us,
the night of fear and despair when death shall come.

Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God

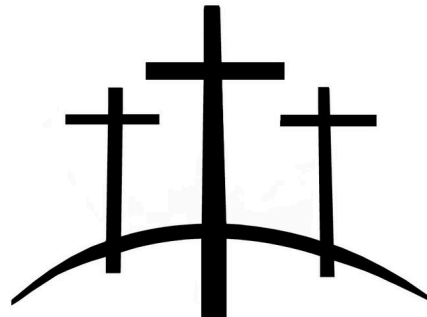


and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Be seated



CLOSING HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts | 398:1-2,5



1 Not all the blood of beasts on Is - rael's al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;



could give the guilt - y con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice and sing his bleed - ing love.

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Next Wednesday, February 28

"Testimony"

(Matthew 26:57-75)

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