



GOD ON TRIAL

MISCONCEPTIONS

Midweek Lent 4

March 6, 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

OFFERING

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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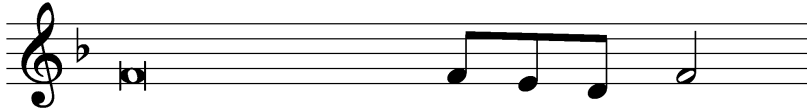
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OPENING HYMN

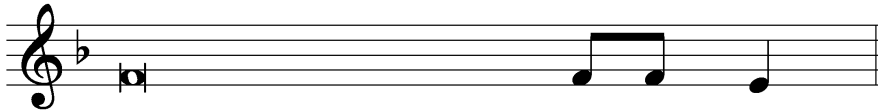
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | **394:1-3**

Stand

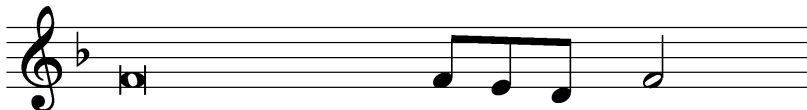
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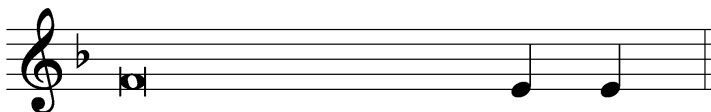
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



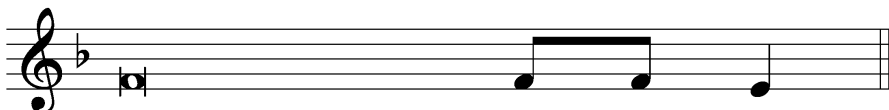
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,

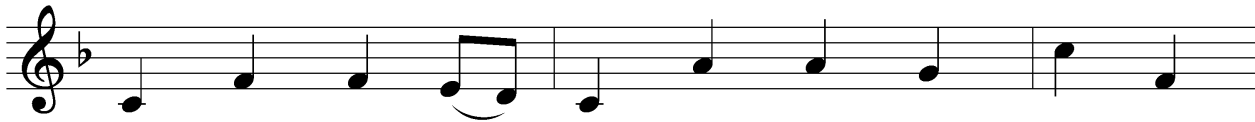


and hear our evening prayer and praise.



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

Why Are Nations Raging | 2(C)

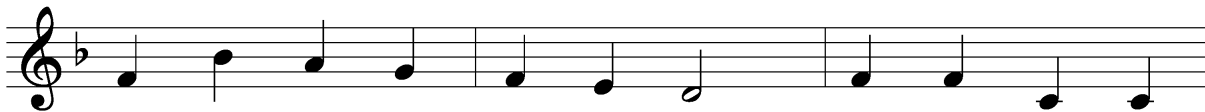
Cantor: verses 1-2 **Congregation:** verses 3



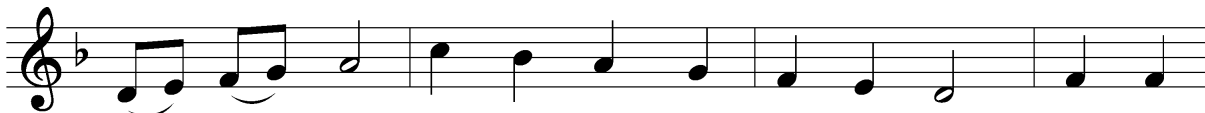
1 Why are na - tions rag - ing and con - spir - ing
2 But the Lord has scorn on them, laugh - ing and en -
3 God's de - cree un - to the King tells us what the



plots in vain? Rul - ers of the world rise up,
throned on high. God brings wrath up - on their work;
LORD did say: "You are my own ho - ly Son;



weav - ing webs of death and pain. Then a - gainst the
filled with an - ger God re - plies: "It is my own
I've be - got - ten you this day. Ask of me and



LORD they cry, and a - gainst God's ho - ly Son, "Let us
ho - ly will that the Christ shall ev - er reign, and on
I will make all the na - tions your own stay. These pos -



tear their bonds from us and with their con - trol be done."
Zi - on's ho - ly hill my A - noint - ed I'll main - tain."
ses - sions you shall rule, strong as i - ron smash - ing clay."

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READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

The Trial Before the High Priest

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

Christ, the Life of All the Living | 396:1-2,5



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee that from pain I



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
might be free; false - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee:



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
thence I gain se - cur - i - ty. Com - fort - less thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
soul did lan - guish me to com - fort in my an - guish.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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SERMON

God on Trial: Misconceptions

Luke 23:1-12

¹ Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

⁵ But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. ⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

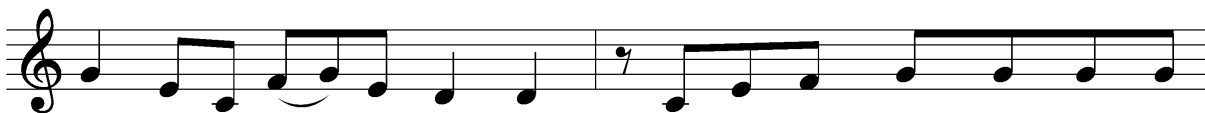
Stand

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 - 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 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

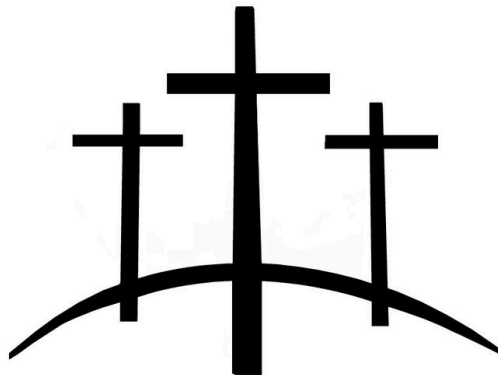


and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Be seated

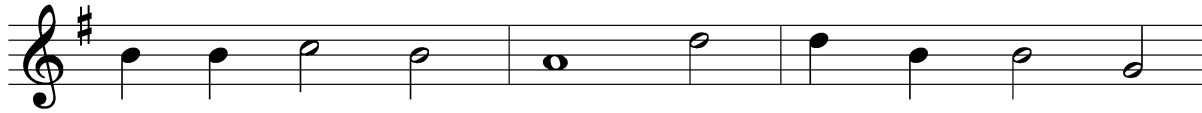


CLOSING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | **520:1,4-5**



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he
5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; the



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
Lamb of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
of - f'ring made that you might live a - gain.

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Next Wednesday, March 13

"Truth"

(John 18:33-40)