



# GOD ON TRIAL

TRUTH

Midweek Lent 5

March 13, 2024

## **GOD ON TRIAL**

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
<b>Midweek 5 .....</b>	<b>Truth .....</b>	<b>John 18:33-40</b>
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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**Organist/Pianist**

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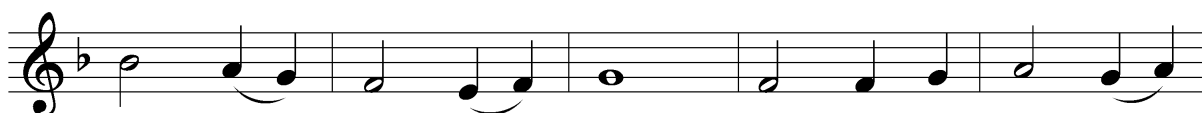
# † ORDER OF SERVICE †

## OPENING HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

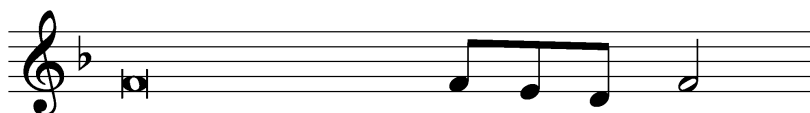
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*Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872*

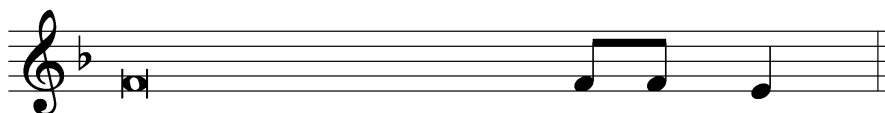
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*Stand*

## OPENING SENTENCES



Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

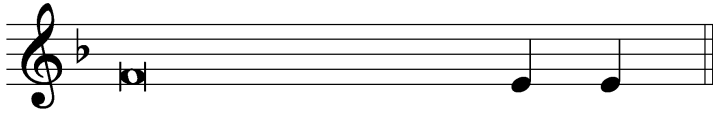


**the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**





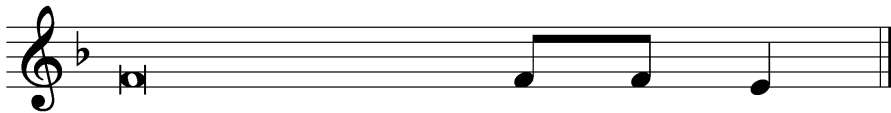
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



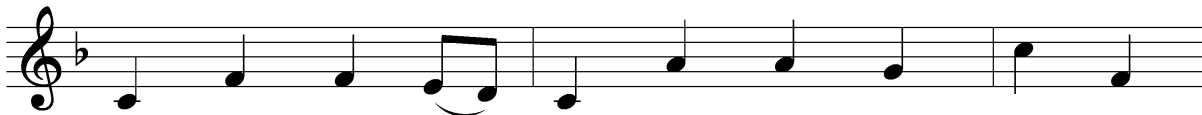
Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

## HYMN OF LIGHT

*Phos hilaron*<sup>1</sup>



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.

<sup>1</sup> literally translates, light of hilarity, or gladdening light

## 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.**

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

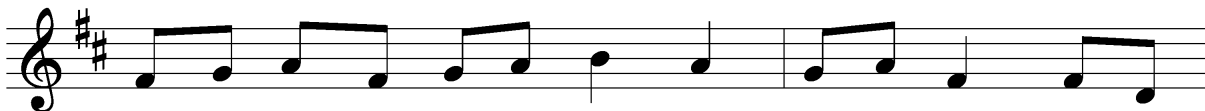
*Psalm 141*



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



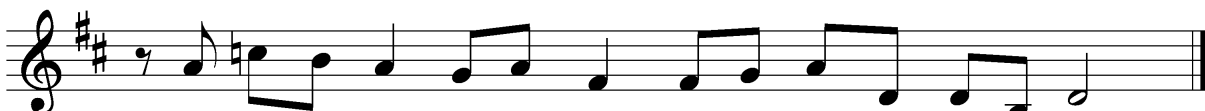
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



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

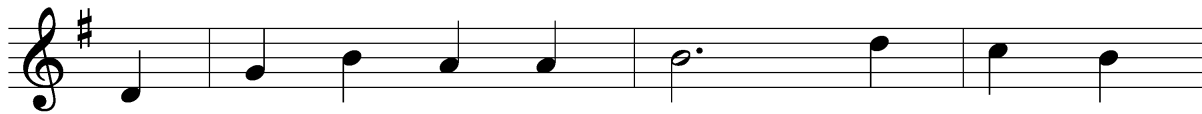
Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

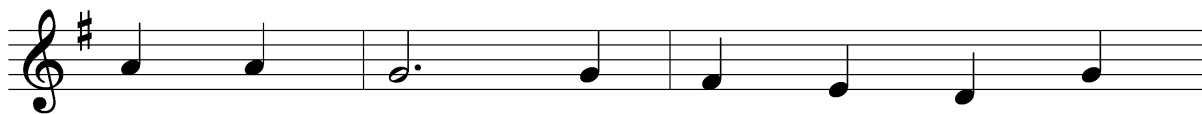
**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*How Truly Blest Are They* | **1(B):1-3,6**

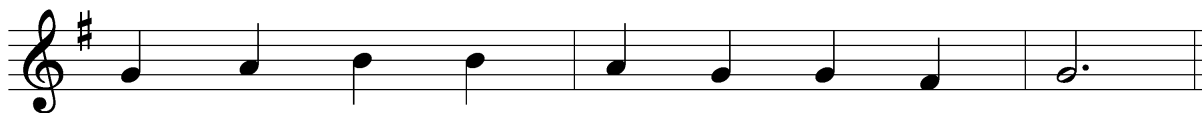
Sung in unison



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the  
2 But make the law of God their stud - y  
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters  
6 God knows and he ap - proves the way the



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their  
right - eous go, but sin - ners and their



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day and watch - es of the night.  
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
works shall meet a dread - ful o - ver - throw.

*Text: Isaac Watts, alt.*

*Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.*

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**READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY**

*The Trial Before Pilate*

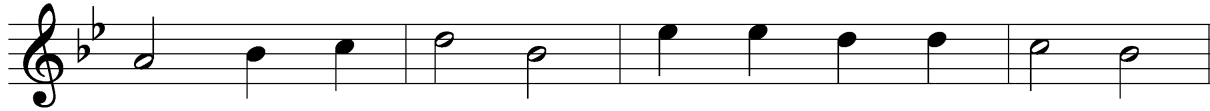
We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.



**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken* | **432:1-2,4,6**



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
6 I'll think up - on your mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
they give you gall to drink, they still de -  
the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants  
to do your will shall be my sole en -



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.  
owe him, who would not know him.  
deav - or hence - forth for - ev - er.

*Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Johann Heermann, 1585-1647*

*Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662*

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## SERMON

## God on Trial: Truth

*John 18:33-40*

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

<sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

<sup>40</sup> They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

*Stand*

## SONG OF MARY

## *Magnificat*

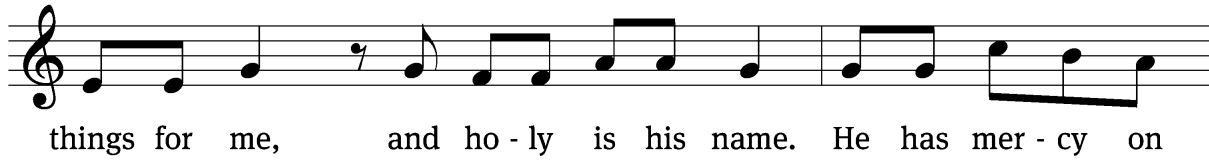


My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord; my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor  
on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions






will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great



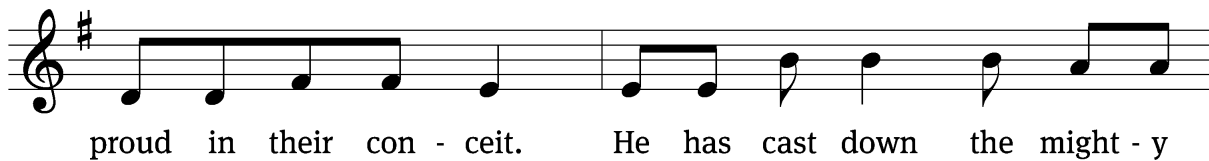
things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on



those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the



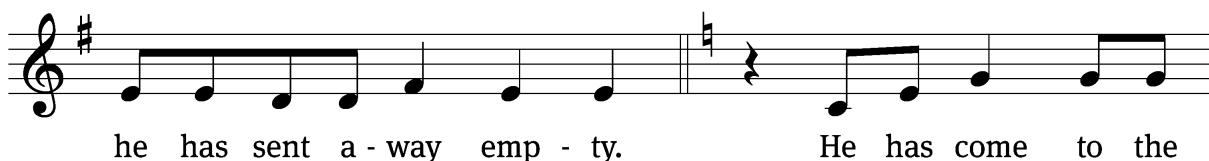
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y



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.**

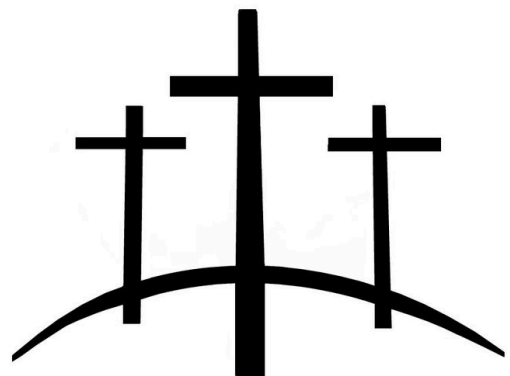
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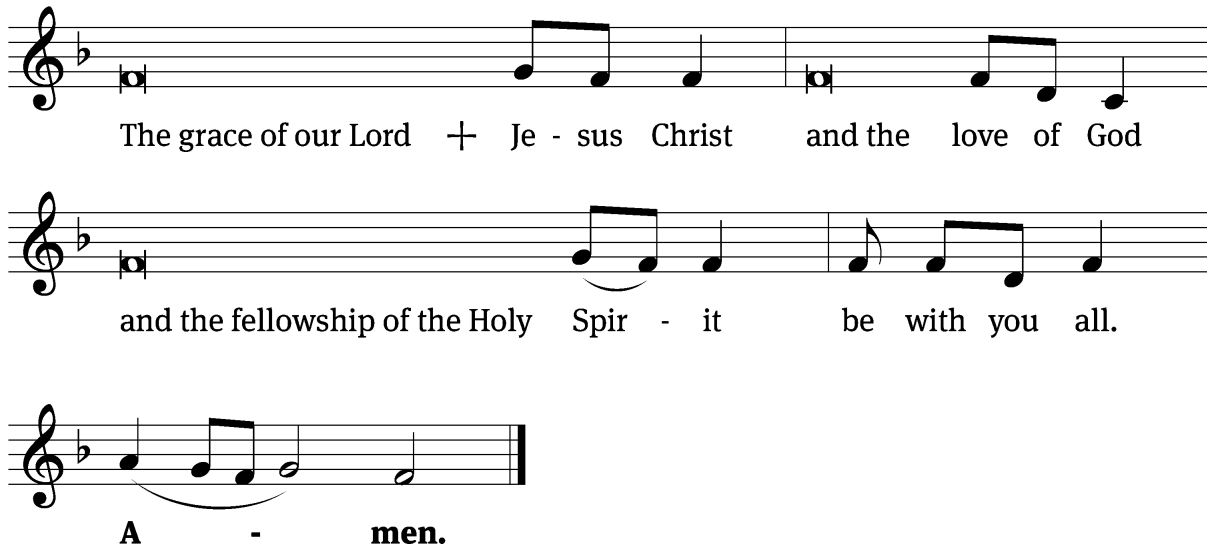
Let us praise the Lord.



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

*Lamb of God | 550:1-2*



Next Wednesday, March 20

**"Sympathy"**

*(Luke 23:26-34)*

- ❖ *Please reserve the pews in the back of the church for families with small children.*
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