



GOD ON TRIAL

SYMPATHY

Midweek Lent 6

March 20, 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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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

Organist/Pianist

Pastor Adam Mueller

Tina Christianson

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed | 410:1-4



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2 Was it for crimes that I had done he
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while



did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut its glo - ries in when God, the might - y
his dear cross ap - pears, dis - solve my heart in

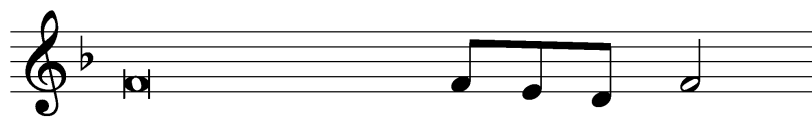


sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.

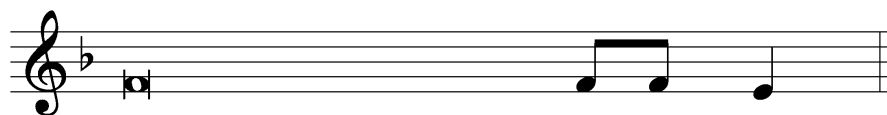
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Stand

OPENING SENTENCES



Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

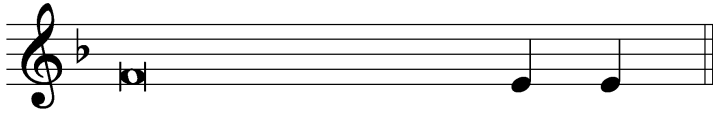


the light no darkness can o - ver - come.





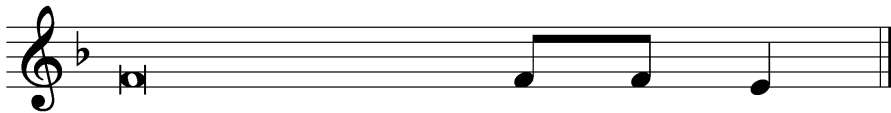
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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 hilaron¹



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.

¹ 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

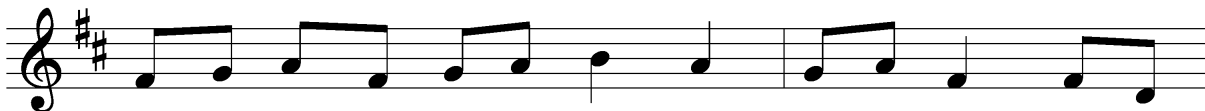
Psalm 141



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



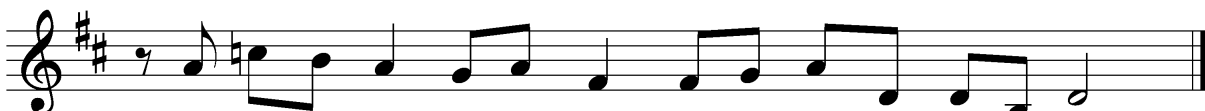
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



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.

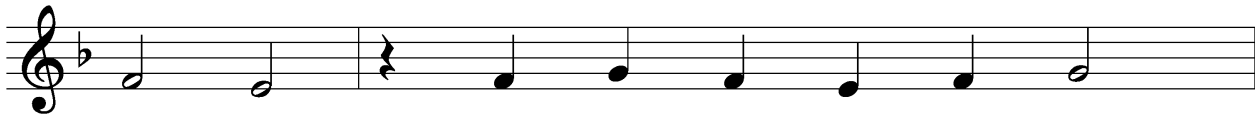
PSALM OF THE DAY

Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing | **138(A):1-3**

Sung in unison



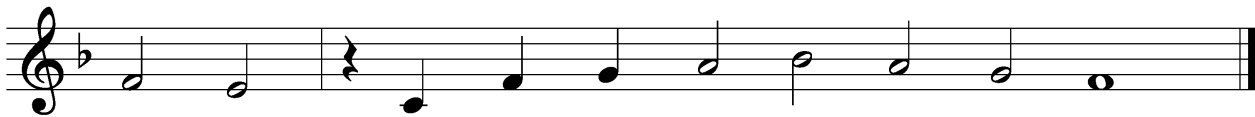
1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
low - ly and raise them from the dust.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.

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READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

Calvary

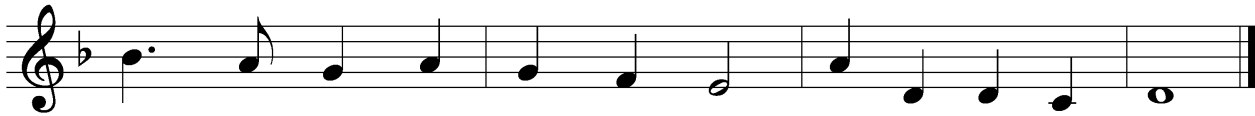
We all like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Was There on Calvary | 433:1-5



1 God was there on Cal - va - ry, God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
2 All the world on Cal - va - ry cru - ci - fied the Prince of life,
3 Sin was there on Cal - va - ry, all the sins of ev - 'ry - one,
4 Love was there on Cal - va - ry, stream - ing from the heart of God,
5 Life was there on Cal - va - ry, flow - ing from his wound - ed side,



dy - ing that the world might live, there on Cal - va - ry.
pierced the hands of God's own Son, there on Cal - va - ry.
laid up - on God's sin - less Lamb there on Cal - va - ry.
reach - ing out for ev - 'ry - one there on Cal - va - ry.
spent that death it - self might die there on Cal - va - ry.

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SERMON

God on Trial: Sympathy

Luke 23:26-34

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then

" 'they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"
and to the hills, "Cover us!" "

³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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-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.

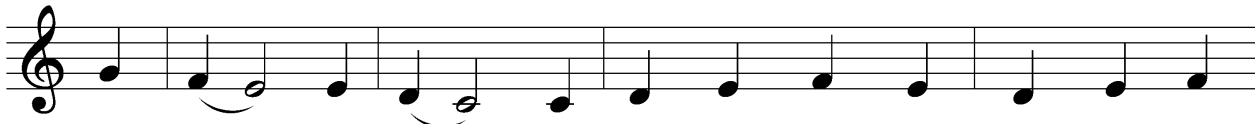


A - men.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

The Lamb | 525:1,3-4

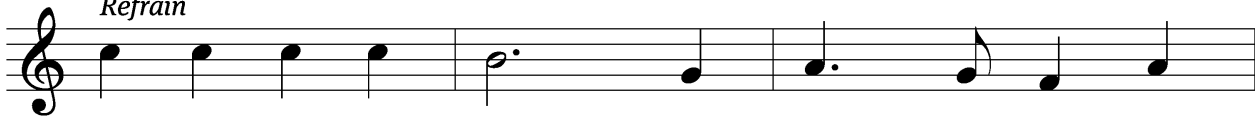


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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Next week: Holy Week

Holy Thursday, March 28 (4:30p/6:30p)

"Respite"

(Luke 22:7-20)

Good Friday Tenebrae, March 29 (6:30p)

"Evidence"

(Matthew 27:38-54)

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