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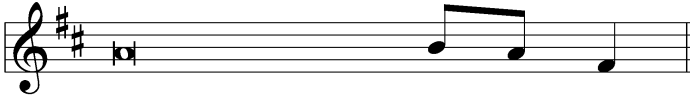
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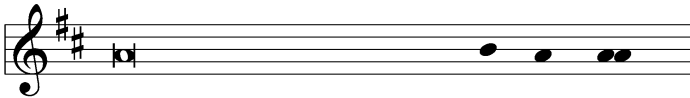
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 79*

#### How Long, O LORD?

<sup>1</sup>O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple;  
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

**<sup>2</sup>They have given the bodies of your servants  
to the birds of the heavens for food,  
the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.**

<sup>3</sup>They have poured out their blood like water  
all around Jerusalem,  
and there was no one to bury them.

**<sup>4</sup>We have become a taunt to our neighbors,  
mocked and derided by those around us.**

<sup>5</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever?  
Will your jealousy burn like fire?

**<sup>6</sup>Pour out your anger on the nations  
that do not know you,  
and on the kingdoms  
that do not call upon your name!**

<sup>7</sup>For they have devoured Jacob  
and laid waste his habitation.

**<sup>8</sup>Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.**

<sup>9</sup>Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!

**<sup>10</sup>Why should the nations say,  
"Where is their God?"**

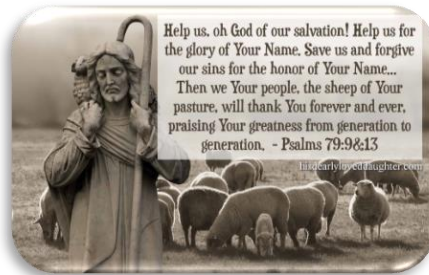
**Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants  
be known among the nations before our eyes!**

<sup>11</sup>Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;  
according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!

**<sup>12</sup>Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors  
the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup>But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you forever;  
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

*Sit*



Office Hymn

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Text and tune: Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546

Readings

Reading

*Lamentations 2*

**The Lord Has Destroyed Without Pity**

<sup>1</sup>How the Lord in his anger  
has set the daughter of Zion under a cloud!  
He has cast down from heaven to earth  
the splendor of Israel;  
he has not remembered his footstool  
in the day of his anger.  
<sup>2</sup>The Lord has swallowed up without mercy  
all the habitations of Jacob;  
in his wrath he has broken down  
the strongholds of the daughter of Judah;  
he has brought down to the ground in dishonor  
the kingdom and its rulers.

<sup>3</sup>He has cut down in fierce anger  
all the might of Israel;  
he has withdrawn from them his right hand  
in the face of the enemy;  
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,  
consuming all around.

<sup>4</sup>He has bent his bow like an enemy,  
with his right hand set like a foe;  
and he has killed all who were delightful in our eyes  
in the tent of the daughter of Zion;  
he has poured out his fury like fire.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord has become like an enemy;  
he has swallowed up Israel;  
he has swallowed up all its palaces;  
he has laid in ruins its strongholds,  
and he has multiplied in the daughter of Judah  
mourning and lamentation.

<sup>6</sup>He has laid waste his booth like a garden,  
laid in ruins his meeting place;  
the LORD has made Zion forget  
festival and Sabbath,  
and in his fierce indignation has spurned king and priest.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has scorned his altar,  
disowned his sanctuary;  
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy  
the walls of her palaces;  
they raised a clamor in the house of the LORD  
as on the day of festival.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD determined to lay in ruins  
the wall of the daughter of Zion;  
he stretched out the measuring line;  
he did not restrain his hand from destroying;  
he caused rampart and wall to lament;  
they languished together.

<sup>9</sup>Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
he has ruined and broken her bars;  
her king and princes are among the nations;  
the law is no more,  
and her prophets find  
no vision from the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>The elders of the daughter of Zion  
sit on the ground in silence;  
they have thrown dust on their heads  
and put on sackcloth;  
the young women of Jerusalem  
have bowed their heads to the ground.

<sup>11</sup>My eyes are spent with weeping;  
my stomach churns;  
my bile is poured out to the ground  
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,  
because infants and babies faint  
in the streets of the city.

<sup>12</sup>They cry to their mothers,  
“Where is bread and wine?”  
as they faint like a wounded man  
in the streets of the city,  
as their life is poured out  
on their mothers’ bosom.

<sup>13</sup>What can I say for you, to what compare you,  
O daughter of Jerusalem?  
What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you,  
O virgin daughter of Zion?  
For your ruin is vast as the sea;  
who can heal you?

<sup>14</sup>Your prophets have seen for you  
false and deceptive visions;  
they have not exposed your iniquity  
to restore your fortunes,  
but have seen for you oracles  
that are false and misleading.

<sup>15</sup>All who pass along the way  
clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads  
at the daughter of Jerusalem;  
“Is this the city that was called  
the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?”

<sup>16</sup>All your enemies  
rail against you;  
they hiss, they gnash their teeth,

they cry: "We have swallowed her!  
Ah, this is the day we longed for;  
now we have it; we see it!"

<sup>17</sup>The LORD has done what he purposed;  
he has carried out his word,  
which he commanded long ago;  
he has thrown down without pity;  
he has made the enemy rejoice over you  
and exalted the might of your foes.

<sup>18</sup>Their heart cried to the Lord.  
O wall of the daughter of Zion,  
let tears stream down like a torrent  
day and night!

Give yourself no rest,  
your eyes no respite!

<sup>19</sup>"Arise, cry out in the night,  
at the beginning of the night watches!

Pour out your heart like water  
before the presence of the Lord!

Lift your hands to him  
for the lives of your children,  
who faint for hunger  
at the head of every street."

<sup>20</sup>Look, O LORD, and see!  
With whom have you dealt thus?  
Should women eat the fruit of their womb,  
the children of their tender care?  
Should priest and prophet be killed  
in the sanctuary of the Lord?

<sup>21</sup>In the dust of the streets  
lie the young and the old;  
my young women and my young men  
have fallen by the sword;  
you have killed them in the day of your anger,  
slaughtering without pity.

<sup>22</sup>You summoned as if to a festival day  
my terrors on every side,  
and on the day of the anger of the LORD  
no one escaped or survived;

those whom I held and raised  
my enemy destroyed.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231



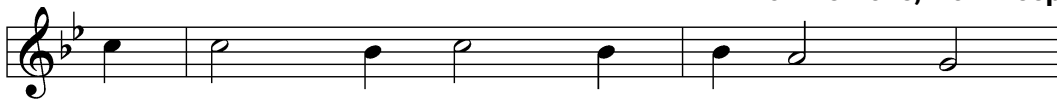
- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

### Hymn

544 O Love, How Deep



- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



- Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



- That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion and sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus





Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

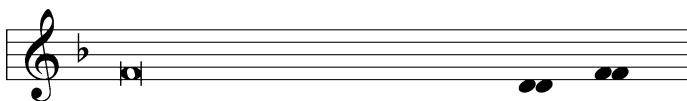
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## Sermon: The Lord Has Destroyed Without Pity

*Pastor Edward Killian*

## Canticle

*Stand*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

# Magnificat

933 *My Soul Rejoices*



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

### Kyrie

*LSB 233*



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

**P** 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.



*Stand*

## Benedicamus

*LSB 234*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 234*



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



**A** - men.

## Hymn to Depart

## 886 The Day Thou Gavest



1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un-sleeping  
 3 As o'er each con-tinent and is-land  
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak-ing  
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev-er,



The dark-ness falls at Thy be-hest;  
 While earth rolls on-ward in-to light,  
 The dawn leads on-an-oth-er day,  
 Thy saints be-neath the west-ern skies,  
 Like earth's proud em-pires, pass a-way;



To Thee our morn-ing hymns as-cend-ed,  
 Through all the world her watch is keep-ing,  
 The voice of prayer is nev-er si-lent,  
 And hour-by-hour, as day is break-ing,  
 Thy king-dom stands and grows for-ev-er,



Thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.  
 And nev-er rests by day or night.  
 Nor dies the strain of praise a-way.  
 Fresh hymns of thank-ful praise a-rise.  
 Till all Thy crea-tures own Thy sway.

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## **We welcome you to join us for Lenten Midweek Services!**

*Pastor Killian will be leading us through a midweek Lenten Series focusing on the Book of Lamentations.*

Third Midweek in Lent – Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Fourth Midweek in Lent – Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm

Fifth Midweek in Lent – Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

*Lenten Suppers will be provided before service in the Assembly Room at 6pm each week.*

## **Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @7pm

Good Friday – Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @7pm

Resurrection of Our Lord – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @10am

## **LHM Lenten Devotional for March 19<sup>th</sup>**

### ***DEFENDER***

*TEXT: Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany ... So they gave a dinner for Him there. ... Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot ... said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." (John 12:1a, 2a, 3-4a, 5-8)*

I wonder how Mary felt, listening to Jesus defend her. All she had wanted to do was to thank Him, to express the love she felt for Him after He raised her brother from the dead. She didn't expect Jesus' own disciples to put her to shame!

But Jesus defends her. He sees the love in her heart and the beauty of what she did. And He speaks up for her, even though He knows that He's signing His own death warrant. Because Jesus' defense of Mary is the last straw for Judas. Angry and hurt, he goes to arrange to betray Jesus to His enemies right away (see Matthew 26:14-16). Nothing will

stop Jesus from protecting the ones He loves—not even His own suffering and death. And you and I are among the ones He loves, for Jesus died and rose to save everyone in danger from the powers of evil. He loves you that much.

WE PRAY: Thank You, Lord, my Protector. Amen.

#### Reflection Questions

- When have you done something good that was misunderstood?
- Did anyone defend you?
- Does it help to know that Jesus understands and cares for you?

\*If you are interested in more devotions this Lenten Season, feel free to take a copy of Lutheran Hour Ministry's "Servant of the Lord" Devotionals. Located in the Narthex.

