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"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

— Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

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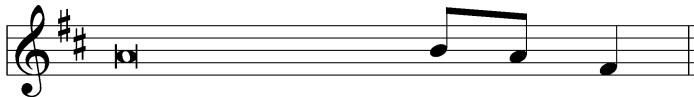
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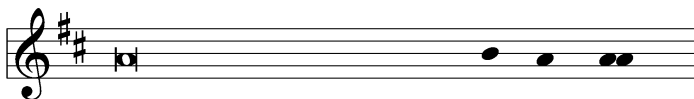
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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.



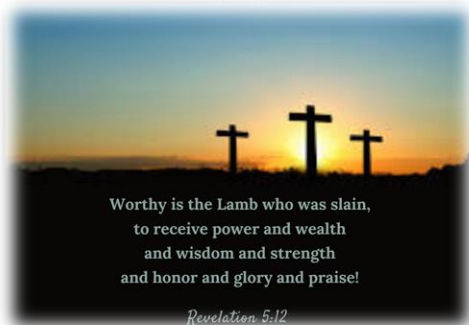
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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 102:1-13

Do Not Hide Your Face from Me

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you!

²**Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!**

**Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!**

³For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

⁴**My heart is struck down like grass and has
withered;**

I forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.

⁶**I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;**

⁷I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

⁸**All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a
curse.**

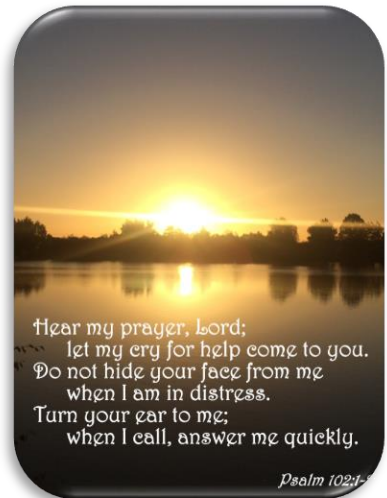
⁹For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,

¹⁰**because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.**

¹¹My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.

¹²**But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.**

¹³You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.



Office Hymn

560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928
Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96

Readings

Reading

Lamentations 3

Great Is Your Faithfulness

- ¹I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;
- ²he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;
- ³surely against me he turns his hand
again and again the whole day long.
- ⁴He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
he has broken my bones;
- ⁵he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;
- ⁶he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead of long ago.
- ⁷He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has made my chains heavy;

⁸though I call and cry for help,
 he shuts out my prayer;
⁹he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
 he has made my paths crooked.
¹⁰He is a bear lying in wait for me,
 a lion in hiding;
¹¹he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
 he has made me desolate;
¹²he bent his bow and set me
 as a target for his arrow.
¹³He drove into my kidneys
 the arrows of his quiver;
¹⁴I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
 the object of their taunts all day long.
¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness;
 he has sated me with wormwood.
¹⁶He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
 and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷my soul is bereft of peace;
 I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸so I say, "My endurance has perished;
 so has my hope from the LORD."
¹⁹Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
 the wormwood and the gall!
²⁰My soul continually remembers it
 and is bowed down within me.
²¹But this I call to mind,
 and therefore I have hope:
²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
 his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
 "therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
 to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
 for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
 the yoke in his youth.

²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.
³⁴To crush underfoot
all the prisoners of the earth,
³⁵to deny a man justice
in the presence of the Most High,
³⁶to subvert a man in his lawsuit,
the Lord does not approve.
³⁷Who has spoken and it came to pass,
unless the Lord has commanded it?
³⁸Is it not from the mouth of the Most High
that good and bad come?
³⁹Why should a living man complain,
a man, about the punishment of his sins?
⁴⁰Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the LORD!
⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven:
⁴²“We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.
⁴³“You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,
killing without pity;
⁴⁴you have wrapped yourself with a cloud
so that no prayer can pass through.
⁴⁵You have made us scum and garbage
among the peoples.
⁴⁶“All our enemies
open their mouths against us;
⁴⁷panic and pitfall have come upon us,
devastation and destruction;

⁴⁸my eyes flow with rivers of tears
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.
⁴⁹"My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
⁵⁰until the LORD from heaven
looks down and sees;
⁵¹my eyes cause me grief
at the fate of all the daughters of my city.
⁵²"I have been hunted like a bird
by those who were my enemies without cause;
⁵³they flung me alive into the pit
and cast stones on me;
⁵⁴water closed over my head;
I said, 'I am lost.'
⁵⁵"I called on your name, O LORD,
from the depths of the pit;
⁵⁶you heard my plea, 'Do not close
your ear to my cry for help!'
⁵⁷You came near when I called on you;
you said, 'Do not fear!'
⁵⁸"You have taken up my cause, O Lord;
you have redeemed my life.
⁵⁹You have seen the wrong done to me, O LORD;
judge my cause.
⁶⁰You have seen all their vengeance,
all their plots against me.
⁶¹"You have heard their taunts, O LORD,
all their plots against me.
⁶²The lips and thoughts of my assailants
are against me all the day long.
⁶³Behold their sitting and their rising;
I am the object of their taunts.
⁶⁴"You will repay them, O LORD,
according to the work of their hands.
⁶⁵You will give them dullness of heart;
your curse will be on them.
⁶⁶You will pursue them in anger and destroy them
from under your heavens, O LORD."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

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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

550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

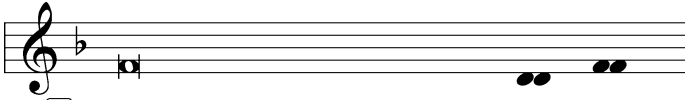
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Sermon: Great is Your Faithfulness

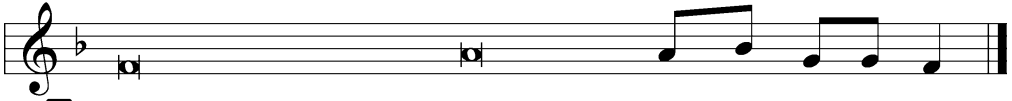
Pastor Edward Killian

Canticle

Stand



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



G 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



bles - sing, 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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Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

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Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

☐ 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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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.



C A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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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.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away



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 has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
Tune: Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen, 1842, Kaiserswerth
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