

+SERVICE OF VESPERS+

+ FIFTH MIDWEEK IN LENT + 09 APRIL 2025 +



RESTORE US
TO YOU, O LORD,
THAT WE MAY BE
RESTORED;
RENEW OUR DAYS
AS OF OLD.

Lamentations 5:21

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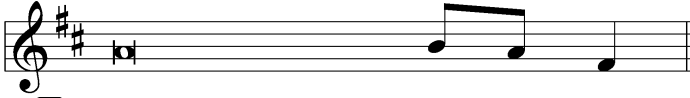
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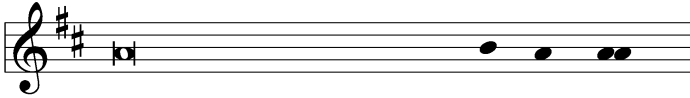
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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.



For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 43

Send Out Your Light and Your Truth

¹Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man
deliver me!

²**For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?**

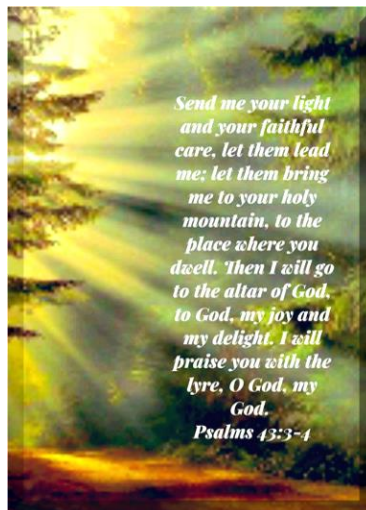
**Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?**

³Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

⁴**Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.**

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Sit



Office Hymn

446 Jesus, Greatest at the Table



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -
 2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly
 3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -
 4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we
 5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,
 taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,
 on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered
 see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:
 mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,
 Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der
 As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured
 Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less
 Do as I have done for you; All the world will



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
 touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
 out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.
 for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.
 know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955
 Tune: David McCarthy, 1931

Readings

Reading

Lamentations 5

Restore Us to Yourself, O LORD

¹Remember, O LORD, what has befallen us;
 look, and see our disgrace!

- ²Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers,
our homes to foreigners.
- ³We have become orphans, fatherless;
our mothers are like widows.
- ⁴We must pay for the water we drink;
the wood we get must be bought.
- ⁵Our pursuers are at our necks;
we are weary; we are given no rest.
- ⁶We have given the hand to Egypt, and to Assyria,
to get bread enough.
- ⁷Our fathers sinned, and are no more;
and we bear their iniquities.
- ⁸Slaves rule over us;
there is none to deliver us from their hand.
- ⁹We get our bread at the peril of our lives,
because of the sword in the wilderness.
- ¹⁰Our skin is hot as an oven
with the burning heat of famine.
- ¹¹Women are raped in Zion,
young women in the towns of Judah.
- ¹²Princes are hung up by their hands;
no respect is shown to the elders.
- ¹³Young men are compelled to grind at the mill,
and boys stagger under loads of wood.
- ¹⁴The old men have left the city gate,
the young men their music.
- ¹⁵The joy of our hearts has ceased;
our dancing has been turned to mourning.
- ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head;
woe to us, for we have sinned!
- ¹⁷For this our heart has become sick,
for these things our eyes have grown dim,
- ¹⁸for Mount Zion which lies desolate;
jackals prowl over it.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, reign forever;
your throne endures to all generations.
- ²⁰Why do you forget us forever,
why do you forsake us for so many days?
- ²¹Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!
Renew our days as of old—

²²unless you have utterly rejected us,
and you remain exceedingly angry with us.

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

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697–1775
Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon: Restore Us to Yourself, O LORD

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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955
Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

Offering *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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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 Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

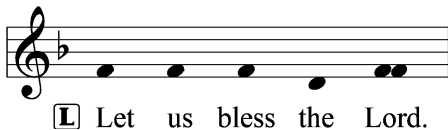
P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Stand

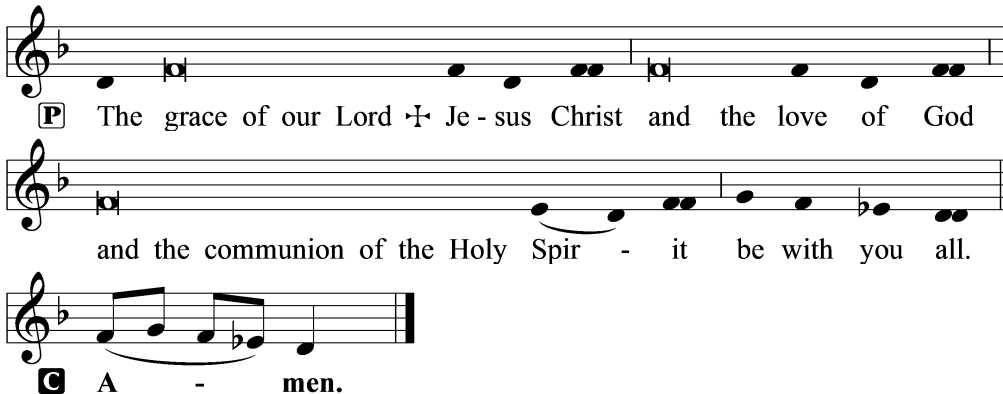
Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Hymn to Depart

878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 17th @7pm

Good Friday – Friday, April 18th @7pm

Resurrection of Our Lord – Sunday, April 20th @10am

There will be no Sunday morning Bible Study on Easter Morning.

Lutheran Hour Ministry Lenten Devotion

KING OF THE JEWS

TEXT: *Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (John 19:19-22)*

Jesus must've made a strong impression on Pontius Pilate. It wasn't enough to stop the execution; but it was enough for Pilate to insist on giving Jesus His correct title. And the fact that it enraged Jesus' enemies was probably just an extra advantage in Pilate's eyes.

Pilate would've been thinking about their earlier conversation, where Jesus clarified what it meant for Him to be a king. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. ... You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth" (John 18:36b, 37b).

And what was that truth that Jesus came to bear witness to? It was simply this: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned" (John 3:16-18a).

WE PRAY: Lord, You are my King who has saved me. Thank You. Amen.

Reflection Questions

- Who is the true King of Israel? (See Isaiah 44:6.)
- What kind of a king serves his people, instead of them serving him?
- If Jesus is a King, what is His crown and His throne?