

# Lent 1 Midweek Vespers

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## “Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said

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1 “Be - hold! The Lamb of God,” John said, “Who  
2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The  
3 Christ’s glo - ry is not seen by those Who  
4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ’s



takes all sin a - way.” This Lamb is Christ, who  
Truth— was o - ver - run; The Life— was all from  
view God’s Word as dross, For world - ly wis - dom  
Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.  
Christ de - rived; God glo - ri - fies His Son!  
nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.  
will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



“Be - hold your King!” by Pi - late scourged; Sin’s  
“I am the Bread of Life,” Christ said; “My  
Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His  
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,

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hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,  
 sa - cred blood for all, I shed;  
 per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,  
 fol - low on the path Christ chose:

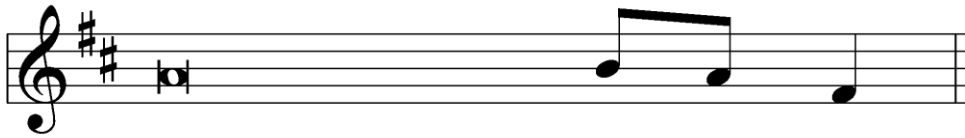
While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their  
 Who eats and drinks of Me is fed." All  
 His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt  
 The cross, the tomb from which He rose In

Sav - ior to be - tray.  
 death by Christ un - done.  
 can - celed on the cross.  
 joy - ous vic - to - ry!

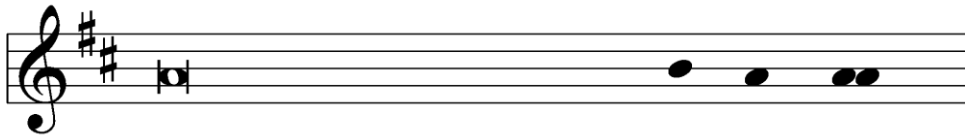
## Lent Versicles



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



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



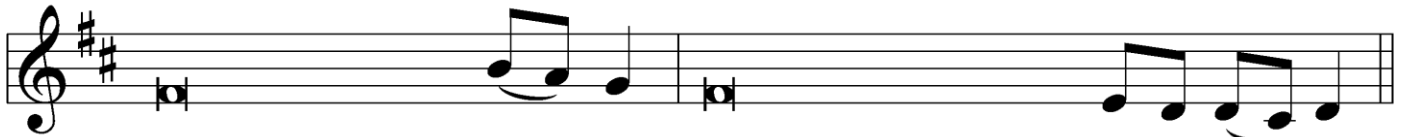
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**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.

## Psalm

*73:23–28; antiphon: v. 1*

Truly God is good to | Israel,\*

**to those who are | pure in heart.**

Nevertheless, I am continually | with You,\*

**You hold my | right hand.**

You guide me with Your | counsel,\*

**and afterward You will receive me to | glory.**

Whom have I in | heaven but You?\*

**And there is nothing on earth that I desire be-  
| sides You.**

My flesh and my | heart may fail,\*

**but God is the strength of my heart and my  
portion for- | ever.**

For behold, those who are far from You shall |  
perish;\*

**You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful  
| to You.**

But for me it is good to be | near God;\*

**I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,  
that I may tell of | all Your works.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Truly God is good to | Israel,\*

**to those who are | pure in heart.**

**Hymn**

**"My Song Is Love Unknown"**

*LSB 430*



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,

In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

*Proverbs 11:24–28*

<sup>24</sup>One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

<sup>25</sup>Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

<sup>26</sup>The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. <sup>27</sup>Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

<sup>28</sup>Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

*2 Corinthians 9:6–12*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

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

## **C** Thanks be to God.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

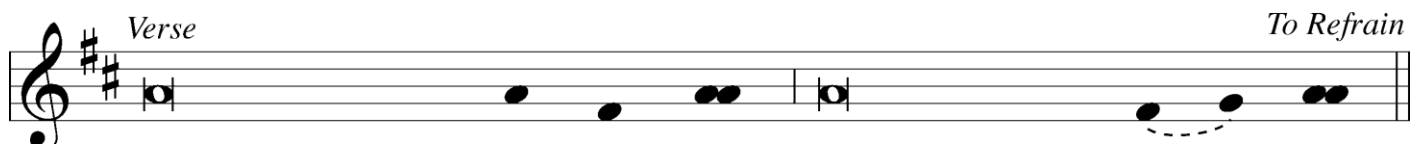
*John 12:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. <sup>8</sup>The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.”

<sup>9</sup>When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

### **Responsory**

*Verse* *To Refrain*



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

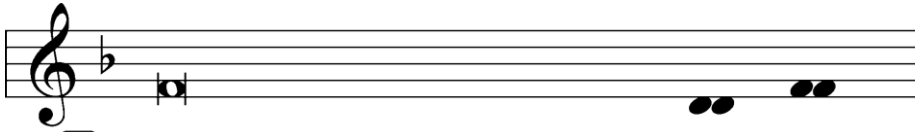
*Refrain*



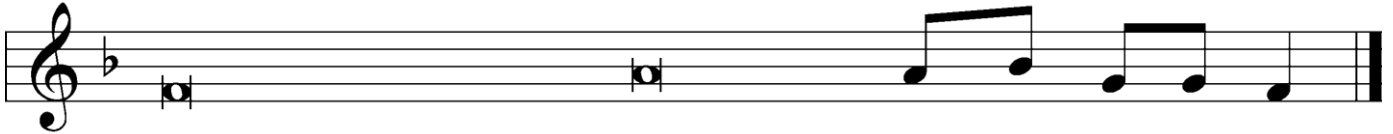
**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

## Sermon

## Canticle



**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.

## Canticle

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1 In peace and joy I now de - part Since God so wills it.  
2 Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful Sav - ior,  
3 You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal - va - tion;  
4 Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in blind - ness;



Se - rene and con - fi - dent my heart; Still - ness fills it.  
Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa - vor.  
Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion  
He guides and com - forts those in night By His kind - ness.



For the Lord has prom - ised me That death is but a slum - ber.  
Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.  
By Your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.  
For Your peo - ple Is - ra - el In Him find joy and glo - ry.



## Kyrie



**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.

## Prayers



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



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

## Collect

O God, You are the strength of Your people and You know those whose hearts are pure and who trust in You above all things. Deliver us from the deceptions of this world and the lies of the enemy that we may follow You and listen to the sound of Your voice speaking salvation through Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

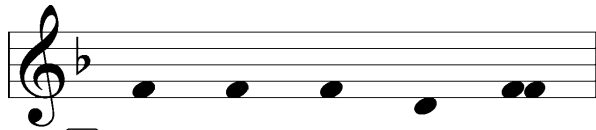
## Collect for peace

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.

## Benedicamus

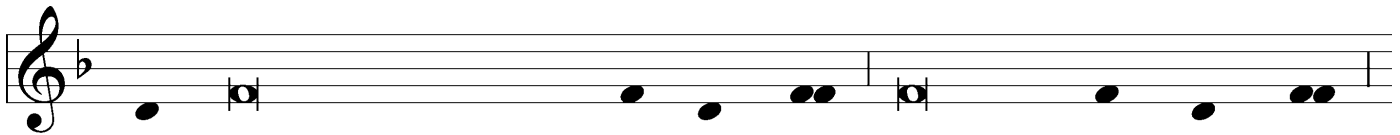


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

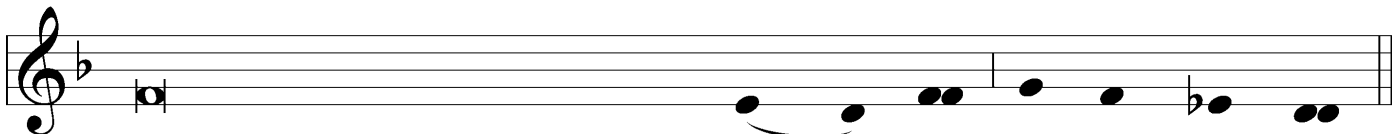


**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**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

## "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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