

# Lent 5 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:

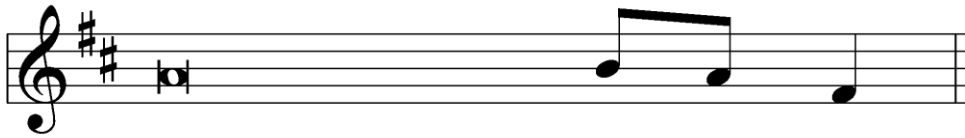
While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their  
 Who eats and drinks of Me is fed." All  
 His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt  
 The cross, the tomb from which He rose In

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

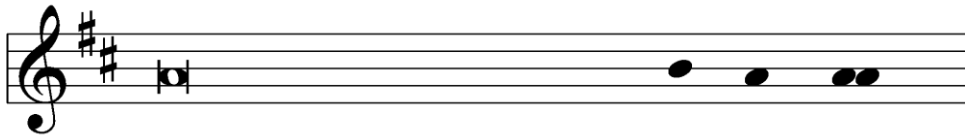
## Lent Versicles



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



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



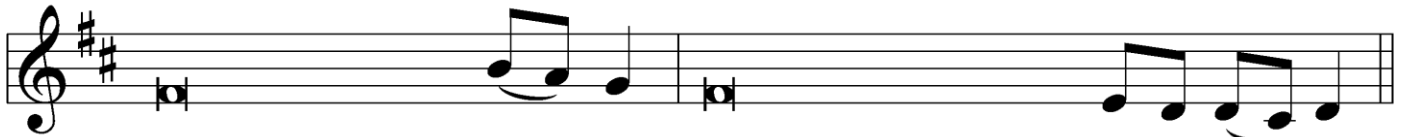
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**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

*Psalm 109:1–7, 20–31; antiphon: v. 26*

Help me, O | LORD my God!\*

**Save me according to Your | steadfast love!**

Be not silent, O God | of my praise!\*

**For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against  
me, speaking against me with | lying tongues.**

They encircle me with | words of hate,\*

**and attack me | without cause.**

In return for my love they ac- | cuse me,\*

**but I give my- | self to prayer.**

So they reward me e- | vil for good,\*

**and hatred | for my love.**

Appoint a wicked man a- | gainst him;\*

**let an accuser stand at his | right hand.**

When he is tried, let him come forth | guilty;\*

**let his prayer be count- | ed as sin!**

May this be the reward of my accusers | from the LORD,\*

**of those who speak evil a- | gainst my life!**

But You, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for Your |  
name's sake;\*

**because Your steadfast love is good, de- | liver me!**

For I am poor and | needy,\*

**and my heart is stricken with- | in me.**

I am gone like a shadow at | evening;\*

**I am shaken off like a | locust.**

My knees are weak through | fasting;\*

**my body has become gaunt, | with no fat.**

I am an object of scorn to my ac- | cusers;\*

**when they see me, they | wag their heads.**

Help me, O | LORD my God!\*

**Save me according to Your | steadfast love!**

Let them know that this | is Your hand;\*

**You, O LORD, have | done it!**

Let them curse, but | You will bless!\*

**They arise and are put to shame, but Your servant |  
will be glad!**

May my accusers be clothed with dis- | honor;\*

**may they be wrapped in their own shame as | in a  
cloak!**

With my mouth I will give great thanks | to the LORD;\*

**I will praise Him in the midst | of the throng.**

For He stands at the right hand of the | needy,\*

**to save him from those who condemn his | soul to death.**

**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.**

Help me, O | LORD my God!\*

**Save me according to Your | steadfast love!**

**Hymn**

**"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"**

*LSB 444*



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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

*Ezekiel 11:17–21*

<sup>17</sup>"Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.' <sup>18</sup>And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. <sup>19</sup>And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup>that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. <sup>21</sup>But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

*2 Corinthians 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled

only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

*John 19:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to Him, "You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called

The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

## 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

LSB 938



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.

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## 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 of steadfast love and mercy, on the cross Your Son forgave His enemies. Turn our hearts from hatred and evil that we may forgive the offenses of those who seek our harm and forgive as we have been forgiven. Rescue us in our time of peril and deliver us from bitterness and resentment; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

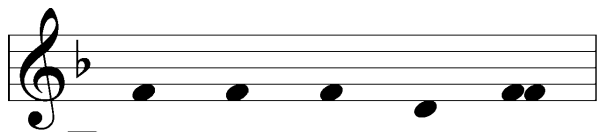
## Collect for peace

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

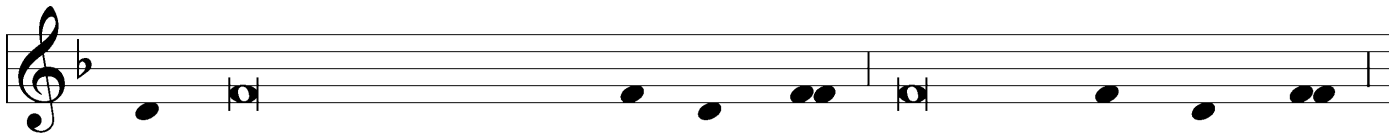


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

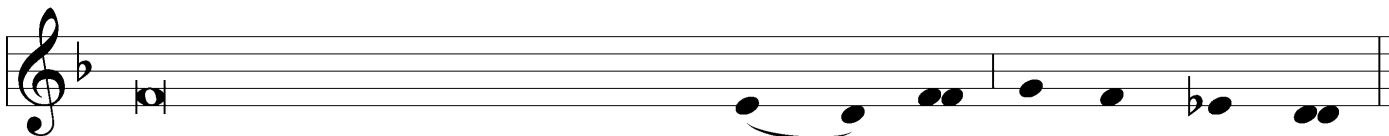


**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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

### "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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