

Midweek Vespers

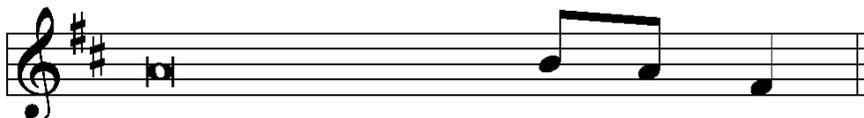
Lent 3 – 2026 March 11

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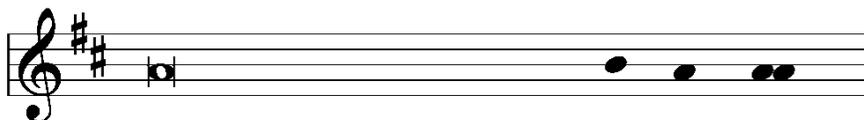
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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.



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

Psalm 38 (antiphon v.15)

(The congregation sings the indented portions
and the *Gloria Patri*.)



- ¹⁵But for you, O Lord, | do I wait;*
it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.
- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!
- ²For your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and your hand has come | down on me.
- ³There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig- |
nation;*
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.
- ⁴For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;*
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.
- ⁵My wounds stink and | fester*
because of my | foolishness,
- ⁶I am utterly bowed down and | prostrate;*
all the day I go about | mourning.
- ⁷For my sides are filled with | burning,*
and there is no soundness | in my flesh.
- ⁸I am feeble | and crushed;*
I groan because of the tumult | of my heart.
- ⁹O LORD, all my longing is be- | fore you;*
my sighing is not hid- | den from you.
- ¹⁰My heart throbs; my strength | fails me,*
and the light of my eyes—it also has | gone from me.

¹¹My friends and companions stand aloof | from my plague,*
and my nearest kin stand | far off.

¹²Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my
hurt speak of | ruin*
and meditate treachery | all day long.

¹³But I am like a deaf man; I | do not hear,*
like a mute man who does not o- | pen his mouth.

¹⁴I have become like a man who | does not hear,*
and in whose mouth are | no rebukes.

¹⁵But for you, O LORD, | do I wait;*
it is you, O LORD my God, who will | answer.

¹⁶For I said, "Only let them not rejoice | over me,*
who boast against me when my | foot slips!"

¹⁷For I am read- | y to fall,*
and my pain is ever be- | fore me.

¹⁸I confess my in- | iquity;*
I am sorry | for my sin.

¹⁹But my foes are vigorous, they are | mighty,*
and many are those who hate me | wrongfully.

²⁰Those who render me e- | vil for good*
accuse me because I follow | after good.

²¹Do not forsake me, | O LORD!*
O my God, be not | far from me!

²²Make haste to | help me,*
O LORD, my sal- | vation!

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.

¹⁵But for you, O Lord, | do I wait;*
it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.

Office Hymn:

In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm
3 Should thy mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,
4 When my last hour com - eth, Fraught with strife and pain,



Lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
Or its tempt - ing trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,
When my dust re - turn - eth To the dust a - gain,



When thou see'st me wa - ver, With a look re - call
Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne
Grant that I may nev - er Fail thy hand to see;
On thy truth re - ly - ing, Through that mor - tal strife,



Nor for fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall.
Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on thee.
Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, To e - ter - nal life.

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Sit

Readings

Matthew 26:57-27:2

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L A reading from Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.

⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹And when he went out to the

Stand

Canticle

Magnificat

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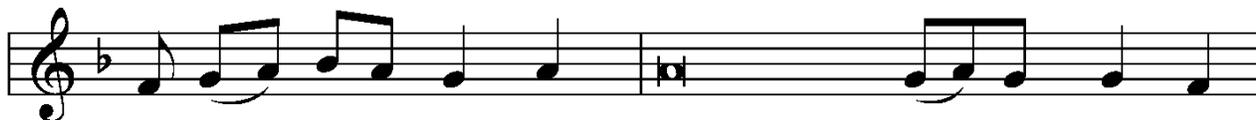
I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



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



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



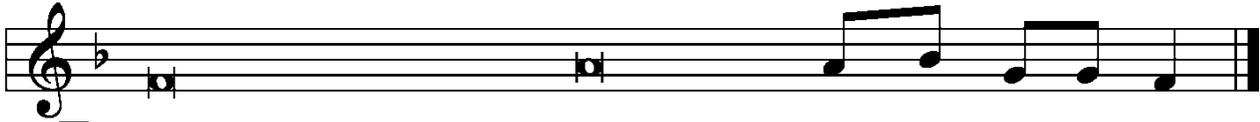
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



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.

Sit

Offering

(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the Service are brought forward here.)

Kneel/Stand

Prayer

Litany (Musical Setting)

(Where petitions are grouped, sing the indicated response after each petition.)



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



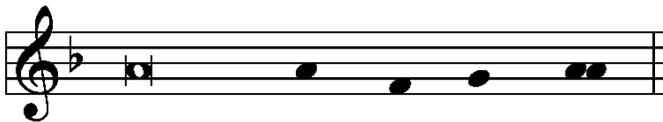
C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



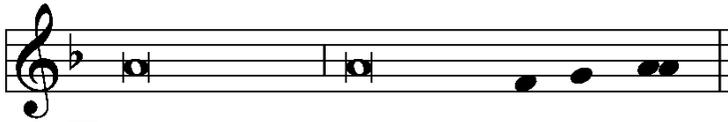
C hear us.



L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



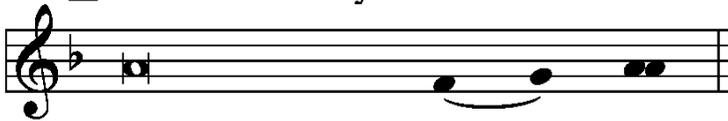
C have mer - cy.



L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L God the Holy Spir - it,



C have mer - cy.



L Be gra - cious to us.



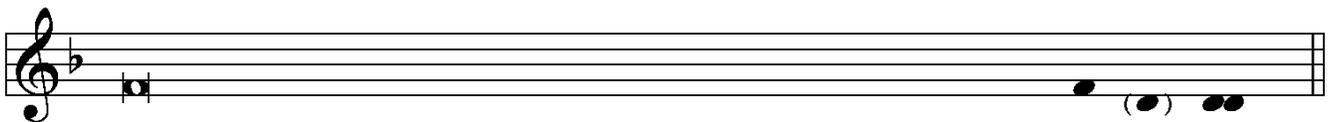
C Spare us, good Lord.



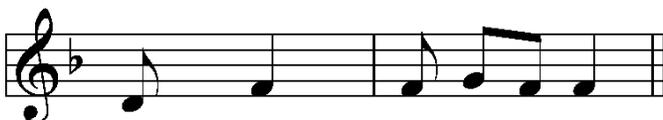
L Be gra - cious to us.



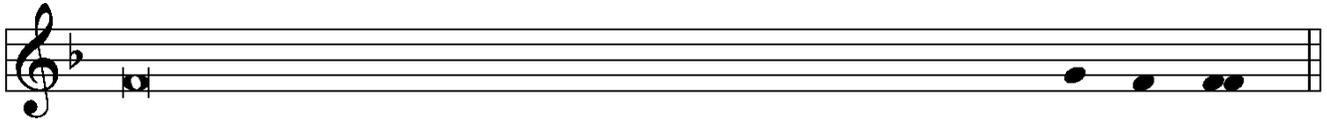
C Help us, good Lord.



L From all sin, from all error, from all e - vil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;
From pestilence and famine;
from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;
From lightning and tempest;
from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:



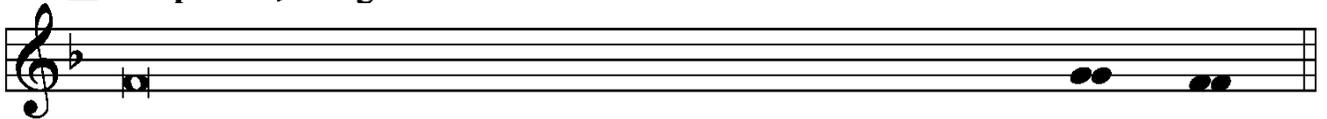
C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your
cross and passion; by Your precious death and bur - i - al;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Com - fort - er:



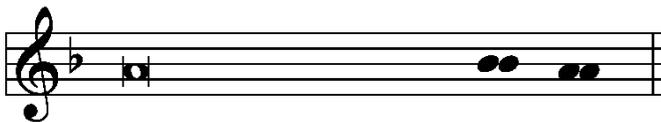
C Help us, good Lord.



L In all time of our tribulation; in all time
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



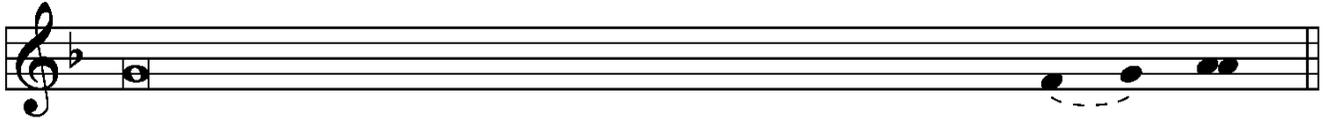
C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



C to hear us, O Lord.



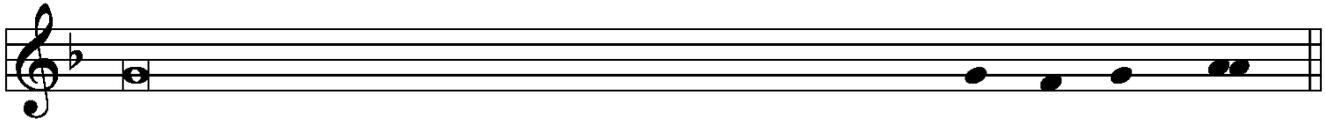
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are de - ceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spir - it:



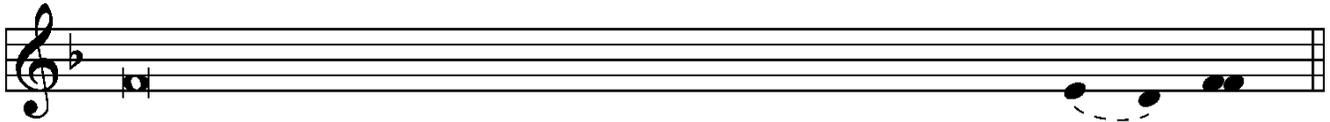
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those
who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



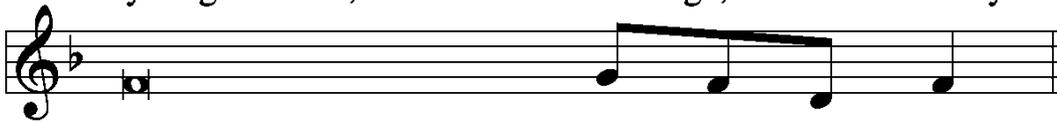
L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
to preserve our land from discord and strife;
to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in
authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple;

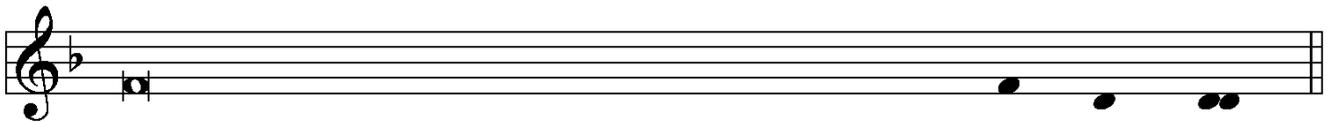
To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers
with infant children, increasing happiness in
their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them;

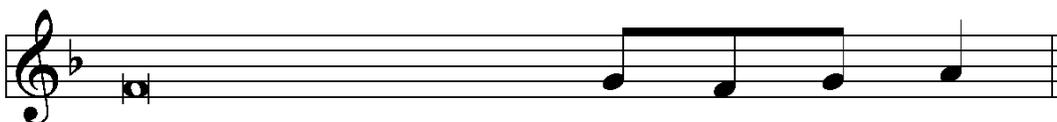
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and
young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



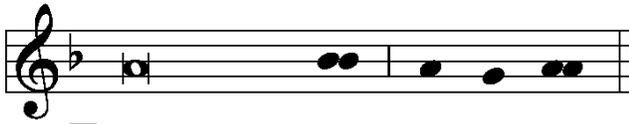
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



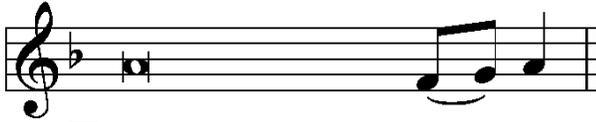
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



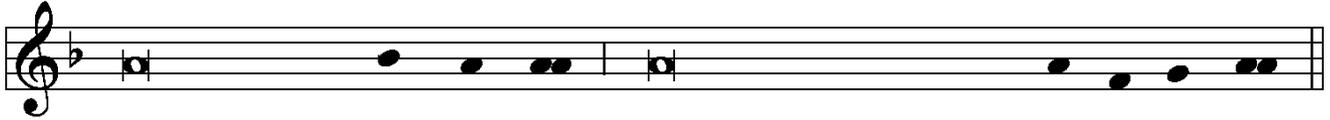
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



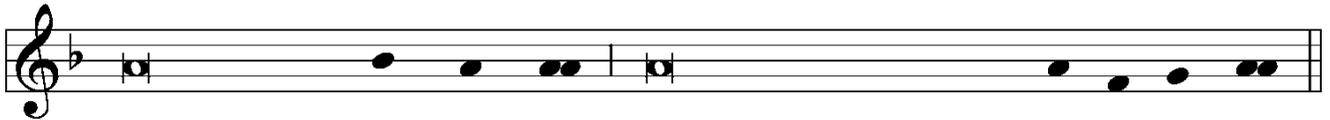
C we implore You to hear us.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ,



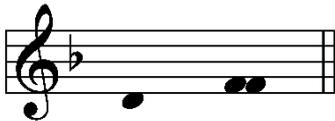
C hear us.



L O Lord,



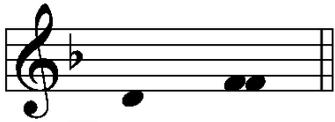
C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy. A - men.



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



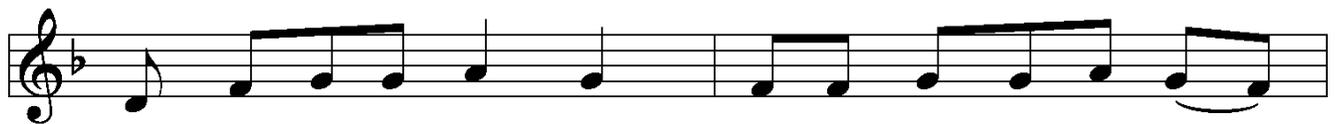
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Versicle and Response

- L** O Lord, enter not into judgment with Your | servant.*
C **For in your sight shall no man living be | justified.**

Litany Collect

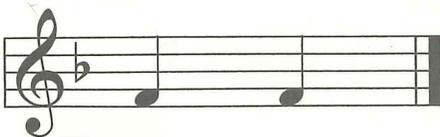
- P** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Collect for Lent 3

- 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, our Lord.



C A - men.

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

A - men.

Closing Hymn: "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" *LSB 883*

1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
 2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet

bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
 I this day have done, That with the world, my -
 lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
 sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more

King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
 self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
 vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
 My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
 Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
 No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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