



Midweek Vespers - Lent Four

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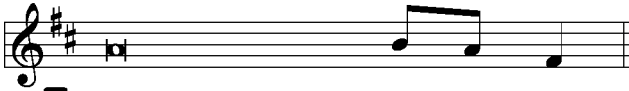
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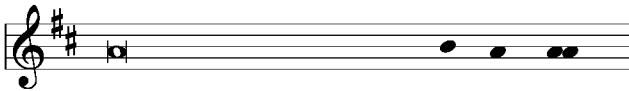
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Stand

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.

Psalmody

Psalms

Psalm 118:19-29



Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.

This is the gate | of the LORD;*
the righteous shall enter | through it.

I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care

LSB 885 sts. 1–2, 6–8



1 I lie, O Lord, with - in Your care, A -
 2 Lord, You a - lone keep con - stant watch; My



wake or when I'm sleep - ing. Who - ev - er trusts in
 rest - less heart You qui - et. When dark - ness fills the



Your strong arms Is safe with - in Your keep - ing.
 night with fear, I will by faith de - fy it.

- 6 Each dawning day to which I wake
 Will show Your hand still guiding
 And ev'ry good my life requires
 Your grace again providing.
- 7 Though troubles still may cloud the sky,
 I'll see beyond them shining
 A light to show some hidden way—
 A way of Your designing.
- 8 Since You have gently touched my eyes,
 I'll sleep through tears of sorrow.
 Though long the night, my God, my friend,
 Will be my guide tomorrow.

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Readings**Old Testament Reading***Isaiah 59:1–3, 12–13*

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
 or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
 but your iniquities have made a separation
 between you and your God,

and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

For your hands are defiled with blood
and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies;
your tongue mutters wickedness.

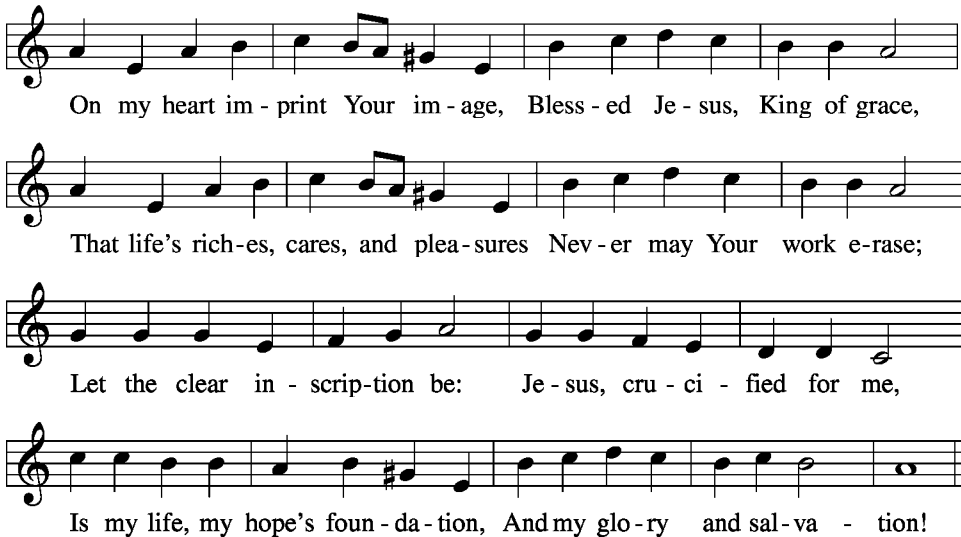
For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us;
for our transgressions are with us,
and we know our iniquities:
transgressing, and denying the LORD,
and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Epistle

1 Peter 5:6–10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Break Your Hearts

Lisa M. Clark



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,
 2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.
 3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.
 It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:
 E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern
 While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn
 When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.
 Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.
 Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:54–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

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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.



- G** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Sermon

Return from Denial

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

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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



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



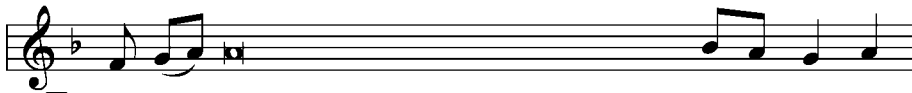
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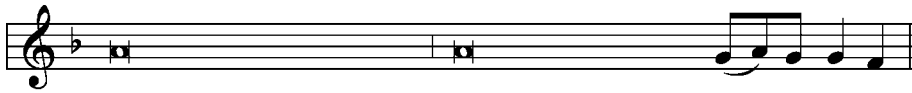
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Prayer

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** Lord God, Your Gospel Word supports us through both good times and bad. Forgive us for the times when our words deny You. Restore us, so that the words we speak bless both You and the people entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Lent

- P** Faithful God, through the ancient prophets You call us to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let these Lenten days be a time when, remembering how You relentlessly return to us in mercy, we return also to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Collect at Evening

P Almighty God, You have made Your light to shine upon us throughout the day. Now that the day is over and night has come, help us to rest in knowing that Your steadfast love endures forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

P O God, You delight in showing mercy to sinners. Amidst the turmoil we create when we wander from You, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

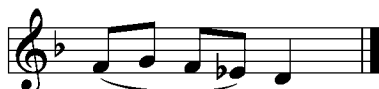
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P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



C A - men.

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