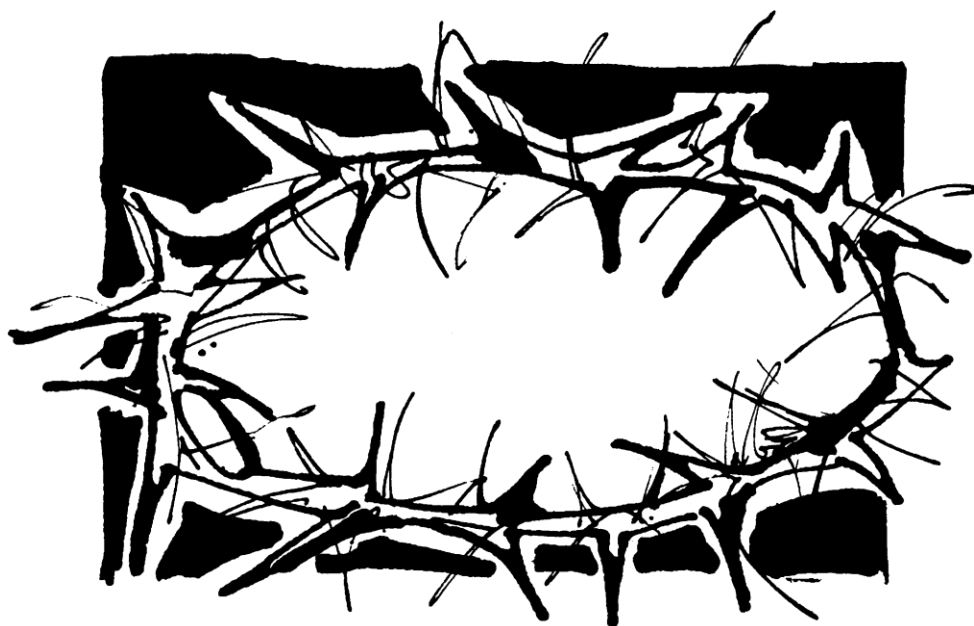


# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



## LENTEN SERVICE

Lent Midweek Evening  
April 9, 2025

# Lent Midweek Vespers

## April 9, 2025

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### God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

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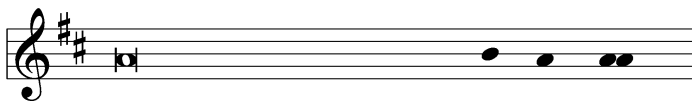
### Lent Versicles



**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.

## Reading

*Isaiah 42: 1-4; 49:1-6*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,

from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God."  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says:  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm** (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 6*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,  
**nor discipline me in your wrath.**  
<sup>2</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;  
**heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.**  
<sup>3</sup> My soul also is greatly troubled.  
**But you, O Lord—how long?**  
<sup>4</sup> Turn, O Lord, deliver my life;  
**save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**  
<sup>5</sup> For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
**in Sheol who will give you praise?**

- <sup>6</sup> I am weary with my moaning;  
**every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.**
- <sup>7</sup> My eye wastes away because of grief;  
**it grows weak because of all my foes.**
- <sup>8</sup> Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
**for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.**
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord has heard my plea;  
**the Lord accepts my prayer.**
- <sup>10</sup> All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;  
**they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-9*

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord God helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Luther's Small Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar, Part 2

### **What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?**

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

### **How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?**

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

### **Who receives this sacrament worthily?**

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

## Reading

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

"Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

<sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

<sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,

for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away;  
and as for his generation, who considered  
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.



# When I Behold Jesus Christ

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1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

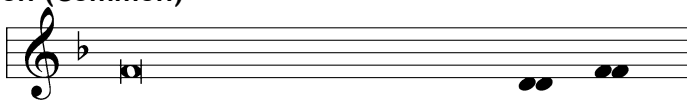
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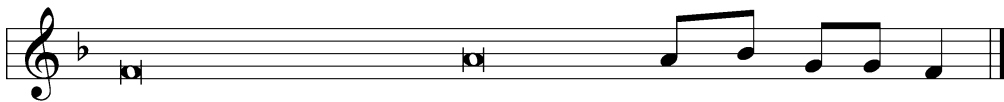
## Sermon

## Antiphon (Common)

Psalm 141:2



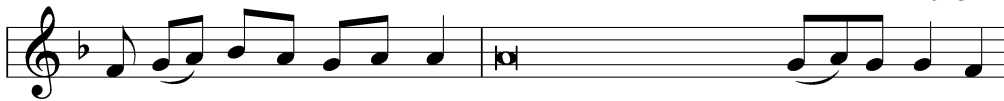
**I** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



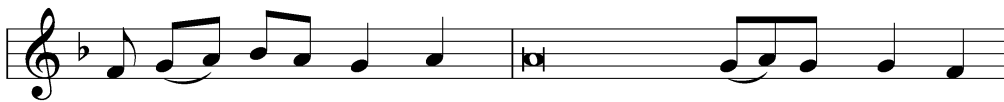
**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Magnificat

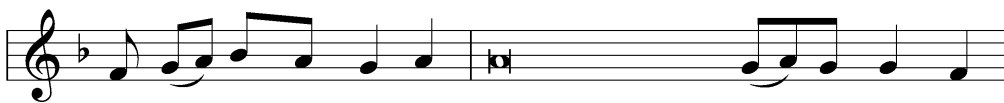
Luke 1:46-55



**G** 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



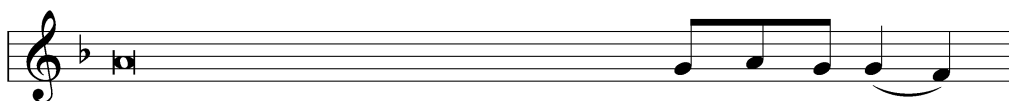
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



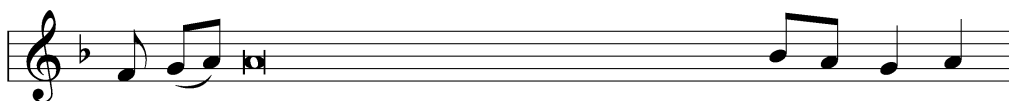
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**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.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**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.

## Collect of the Day

**P** O 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.  
**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects

### Collect for Peace

**L** 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**

*Psalm 103:1*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

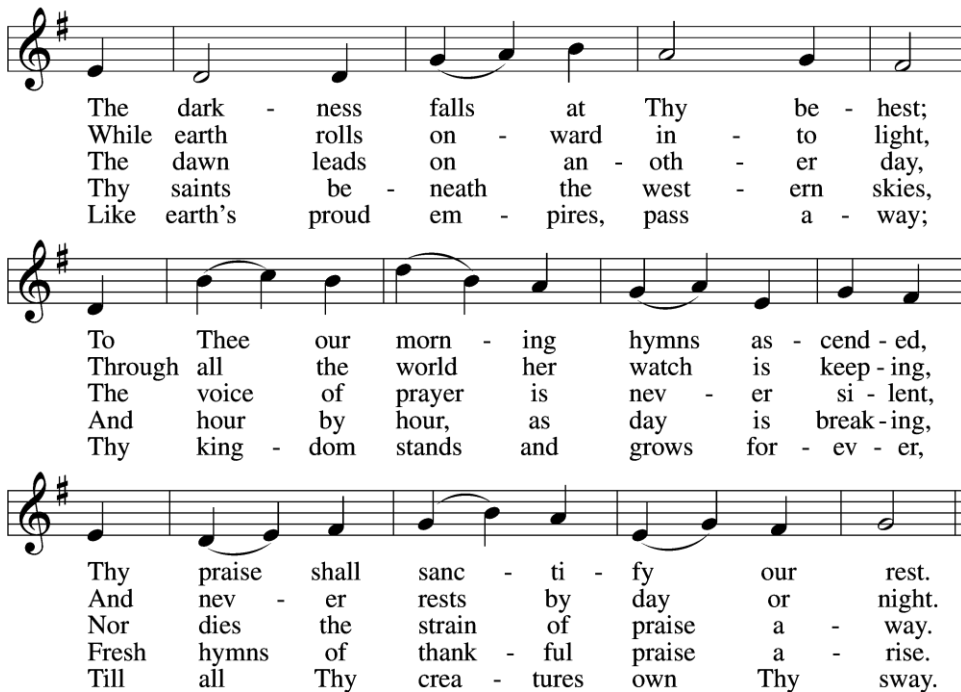
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

**The Day Thou Gavest**

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1 The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed,  
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land  
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak - ing  
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;  
 While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
 The dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
 Thy saints be - neath the west - ern skies,  
 Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,  
 Through all the world her watch is keep - ing,  
 The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 And hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
 Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,

Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
 And nev - er rests by day or night.  
 Nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 Fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
 Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

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Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper.