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*Tomball, Texas*

**Wednesday of the  
Third Week of Lent**

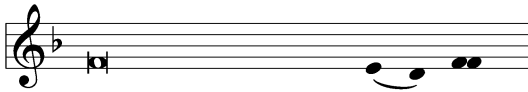
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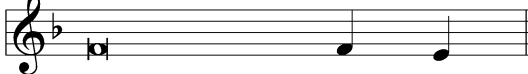
**Evening Prayer**

*Stand*

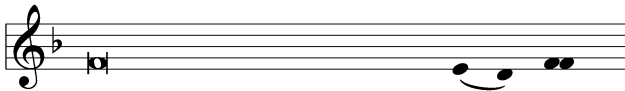
**Service of Light**



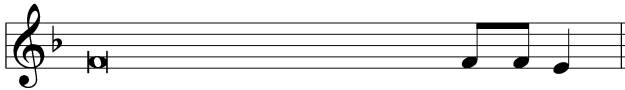
**L** Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



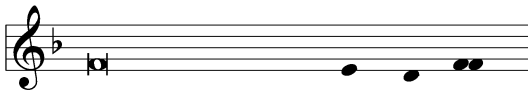
**C** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



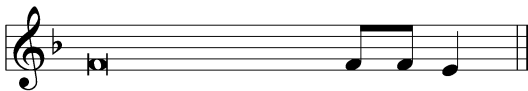
**L** Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.



**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## Thanksgiving for Light



**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 A - men.

*Sit*

## Psalmody

### Psalm 141

*LSB 245*

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.



II Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



I Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.



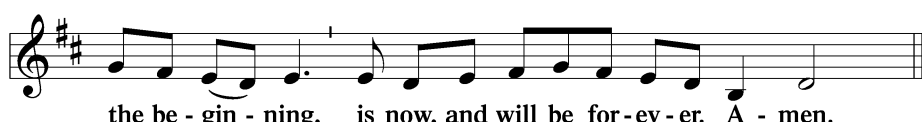
II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.



Strip me not of my life. 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.



**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

## Office Hymn

“First Song of Isaiah”

LSB 927

*The Kantor/choir will chant odd numbered verses,  
the congregation will chant even numbered verses.  
All sing the refrain.*

## Reading

*Isaiah 11:1—12:1*

- <sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

<sup>11</sup>In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

<sup>12</sup>He will raise a signal for the nations  
and will assemble the banished of Israel,  
and gather the dispersed of Judah  
from the four corners of the earth.

<sup>13</sup>The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,  
and those who harass Judah shall be cut off;  
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,  
and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

<sup>14</sup>But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west,

and together they shall plunder the people of the east.  
They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab,  
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD will utterly destroy  
the tongue of the Sea of Egypt,  
and will wave his hand over the River  
with his scorching breath,  
and strike it into seven channels,

and he will lead people across in sandals.

<sup>16</sup>And there will be a highway from Assyria  
for the remnant that remains of his people,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Prayer

LSB 422

**C** On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

## Sermon

Pastor Chris Hull

## Canticle

*Stand*

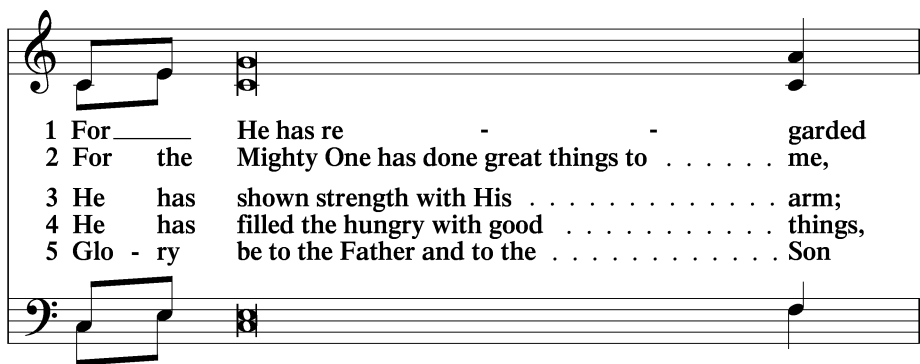
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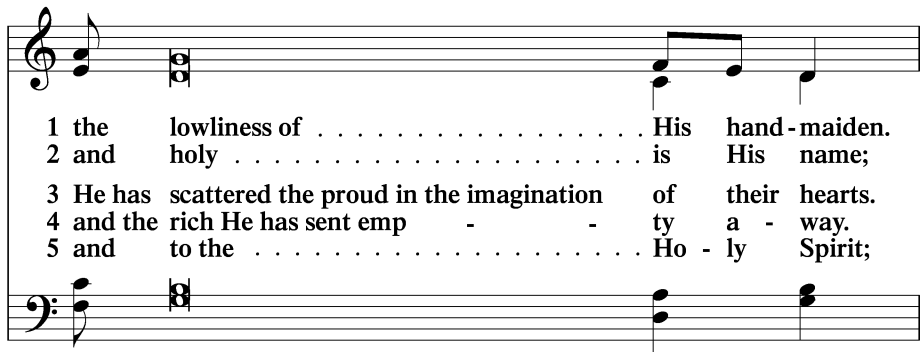
*Refrain*

**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

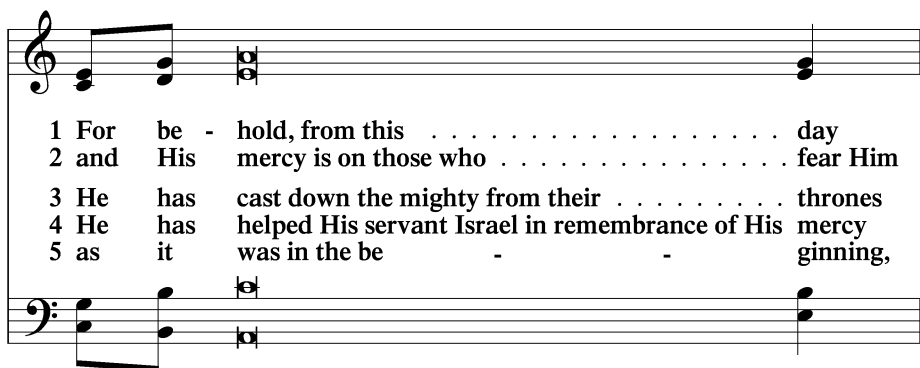
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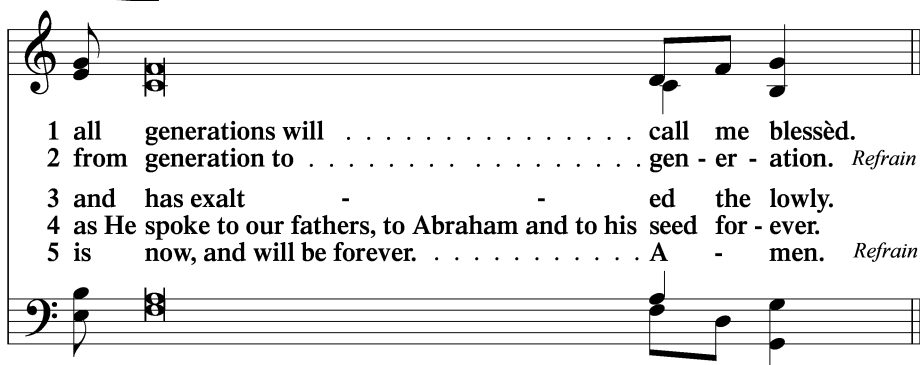
1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded  
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand-maiden.  
 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - - - men. *Refrain*



# Prayer

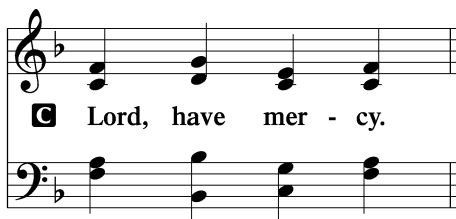
## Litany

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*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

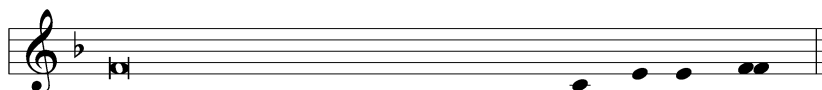
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

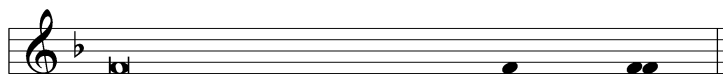
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- [L]** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [L]** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [L]** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue without overlapping responses:*

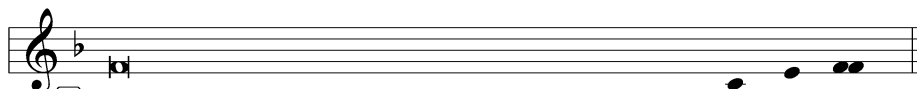


- [L]** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:



- [L]** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



- [L]** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 251*

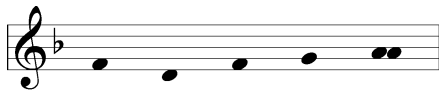
- [L]** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**[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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

*LSB 252*



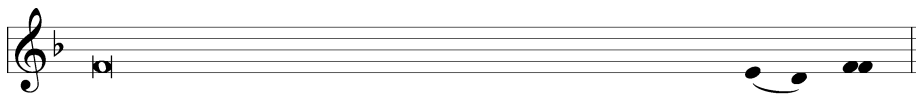
**[L]** Let us bless the Lord.



**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\text{✙}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

LSB 454



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