

LENTEN SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

First English Lutheran Church

March 8, 2023

7:00 PM

PRELUDE

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
"My Song Is Love Unknown"

- Helmut Walcha
- Jan Bender, arr.

WELCOME

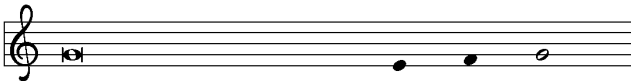
DIALOGUE



Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time; now is the day of sal - vation.



Turn us again, O God of our sal - vation,



that the light of your face may shine on us.



May your justice shine like the sun; and may the poor be lift - ed up.

HYMN OF LIGHT

"O Light Whose Splendor Thrills"

Red Book #563

THANKGIVING FOR LIGHT



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

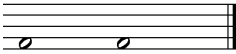


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning you called light into being,
 and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.
 In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
 you led your people into freedom.
 Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
 may your Word be a lamp to our feet
 and a light to our path;
 for you are merciful,
 and you love your whole creation,
 and with all your creatures we give you glory,
 through your Son Jesus Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 now and forever.



A - men.

The congregation may sit.


PSALMODY (PSALM 141)

All

 Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;


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


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


 I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;


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



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



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. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



Glo-ry 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.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

PSALM PRAYER for Psalm 141

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praise with the whole heavenly host, and glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

PSALM 133 spoken in unison

**¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!**

**²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his
robe.**

**³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of
Zion.**

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for
evermore.**

PSALM PRAYER for Psalm 133

Gracious God, you have poured into our hearts the precious oil of your Spirit. Make of us one heart and one will, that as members of the body of Christ, we may be united in the bonds of love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” Red Book #359

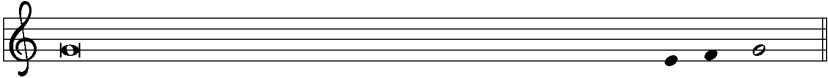
READING Romans 14:1-19

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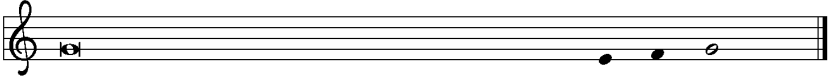
SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

The congregation may stand.

SCRIPTURAL DIALOGUE



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,



but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE *sung by all* (*next page*)

Refrain



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my



spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.



1 My soul proclaims the great-ness of the Lord,

2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,

3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things



my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

from generation to gen - er - ation.

and sent the rich a - way empty.



for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.

You have shown . . . strength with your arm

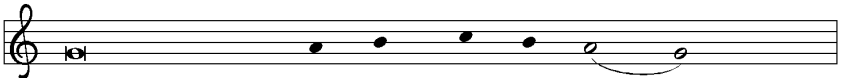
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,



From this day all generations will call me bless'd:

and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,

to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me

casting down the might - y from their thrones

the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



and holy is your name.

and lifting up the low - ly.

to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

Refrain

PRAYERS

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in the treble clef, a piano accompaniment in the treble clef, and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'In peace, let us pray to the Lord.' The piano accompaniment starts with a whole rest, then enters with a series of chords and a melodic line. The lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written under the piano accompaniment.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

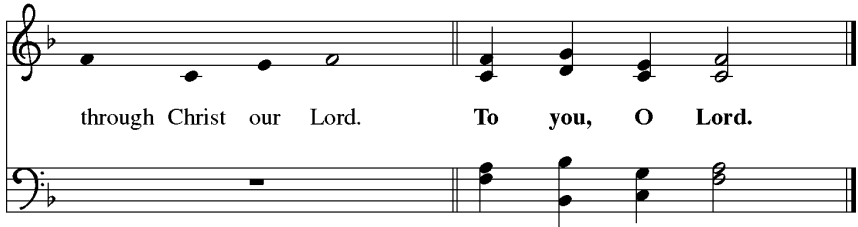
For name/s and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

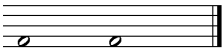
Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

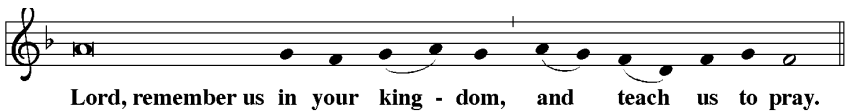
The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first measure of the top staff contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The second measure contains the notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The third measure contains the notes G5, F5, E5, and D5. The fourth measure contains the notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The bottom staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by chords in the second, third, and fourth measures.

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 our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.



A - men.

The image shows a musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains two notes: G4 and A4.



Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.

The image shows a musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains a series of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The notes are grouped with slurs and ties.

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,

your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al

and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,

and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.

A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

Red Book #565

SHARING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Tallis’ Canon”

- Jan Bender, *arr.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT’S SERVICE

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel, *Preacher*

The Rev. Ryan Fitch, *Liturgist*

Kevin Mathias, *Organist*