



Midweek Lent 3  
“The Problem is with Jesus Himself”  
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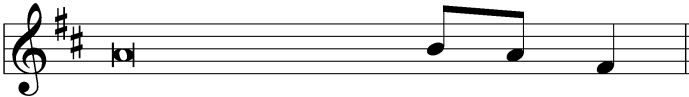


## Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Stand*

### Lent Versicles

**P** O Lord, open my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver 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.

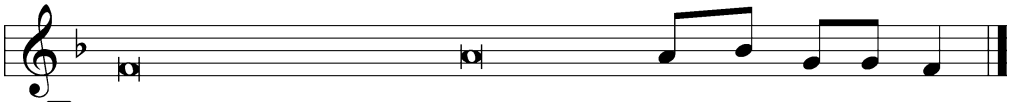


Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Antiphon (Common)

Psalm 141:2 LSB 231

**P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,



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

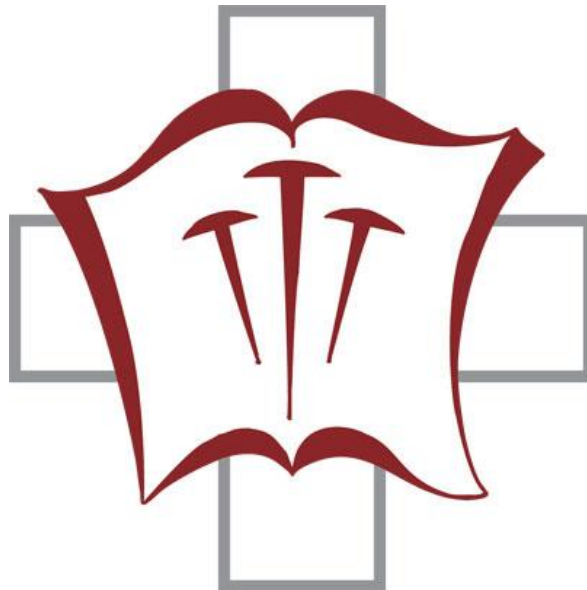
## Psalmody

Psalm 27

- P** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?
- C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- P** <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,
- C** **my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;
- C** **though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.**
- P** <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:
- C** **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,**
- P** to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.
- C** **<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;**
- P** he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,**
- P** and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
- C** **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!
- P** <sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."
- C** **My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

- P** <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,
- C** **O you who have been my help.**  
**Cast me not off; forsake me not,**
- P** O God of my salvation!
- <sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
- C** **but the LORD will take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup>**Teach me your way, O LORD,**
- P** and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- <sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
- C** **for false witnesses have risen against me,**  
**and they breathe out violence.**
- P** <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!
- C** <sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD; be strong,**  
**and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

*Sit*





1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 20:1–2*

<sup>1</sup>Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. <sup>2</sup>Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 2:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
 2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
 3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
 4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
 let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
 fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
 The measure and the pledge of love,  
 The sinner's refuge here below,  
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.

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6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
 Be praise from all the ransomed race  
 Forever and forevermore.

*Stand*



## Third Reading

Matthew 26:57–68

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And 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. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But 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.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus 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.” <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory (Lent)

*Psalm 51:14; Psalm 59:1; Psalm 141:8 LSB 231*

- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*



933 My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Offering

*Stand*

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47 LSB 233*



**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.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22 LSB 233*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Collect

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 234*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14 LSB 234*

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*



## 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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