

5th Midweek Lenten Service + Wednesday, March 25th, 2020

Order of Service, Vespers (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 120)

~**Opening Hymn 465, vv. 1, 4** *From God Shall Naught Divide Me*

1. *From God shall naught divide me,
For He is true for aye,
And on my path will guide me,
Who else should often stray;
His ever bounteous hand
By night and day is heedful,
And gives me what is needful,
Where e'er I go or stand.*

4. *Whate'er shall be His pleasure
Is surely best for me;
He gave His dearest treasure,
That our weak hearts might see
How good His will toward us;
And in His Son He gave us
Whate'er could bless and save us;
Praise Him who loveth thus!*

~**Confession of Sin**— *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening prayers*

(ELH pp. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

~**Psalmody Psalm 85**

P: You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C: You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

P: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

C: Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

P: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

C: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

P: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

P: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

C: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

C: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

P: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever more. Amen.

~The Passion History Lesson #4 & #5

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Hymn 297 *Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted*

1. *Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.*

3. *Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.*

2. *Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.*

4. *Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.*

~Sermon Text

John 6:66-68 After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life.

~Sermon Theme

"The Son of God GOES FORTH TO WAR: The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers"

~Men's Choir "Jesus In Your Dying Woes" (CW 139: 1,2,5-7)

1 Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes;
Hear us, holy Jesus.

5. Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

2. Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise;
Hear us, holy Jesus.

6. Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

7. Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

~Versicle

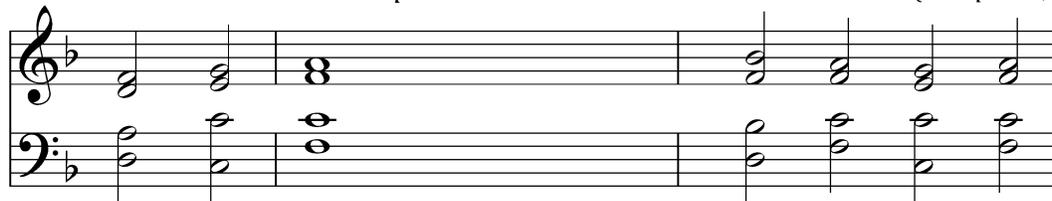
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

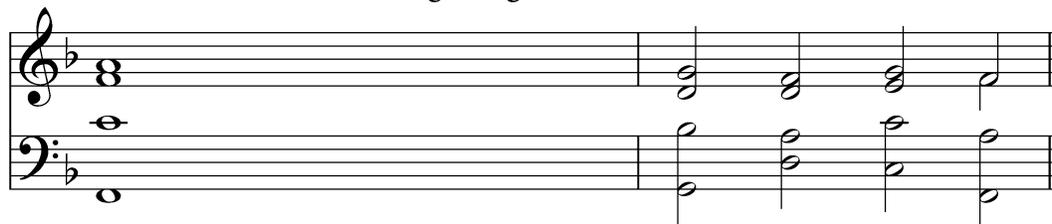
C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

~Nunc Dimittis — "Now I Depart"

(ELH p. 124; Lk. 2:29-32)



1. Lord, now You let Your servant de- part in peace:
2. For my eyes have seen Your Sal- va- tion:
>3. A Light to light- en the Gen- tles:
4. Glo- ry be to the Father and to the Son
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be:



1. accord- ing to Your Word;
2. which You have prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
>3. and the glory of Your peo- ple Isra- el.
4. and to the Ho- ly Ghost.
5. forev- er- more. A- men.

~Kyrie — "Lord, Have Mercy"

(ELH p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 125)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~Collect — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 126-127, II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ✠ **Amen.**

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ✠ **Thanks be to God.**

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 127)

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: ✠ **Amen.**

~Hymn 561 vv. 1, 7 *Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide*

*1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!*

*7. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!*

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