

6th Midweek Lenten Service + Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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

~Opening Hymn 287, vv. 1, 2, 6 *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

1. *Jesus, I will ponder now
On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.*

2. *Make me see Thy great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails, did wound Thee.
How for man Thou diedst, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.*

6. *Grant that I may willingly
Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Thy praise forever.*

~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 71

P: In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge;

C: Let me never be put to shame.

P: Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness;

C: Turn Your ear to me and save me.

P: Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;

C: For You are my rock and my fortress.

All: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

P: Since my youth, O God, You have taught me,

C: And to this day I declare Your marvelous deeds.

P: Even when I am old and gray,

C: Do not forsake me, O God,

P: till I declare Your power to the next generation,

C: Your might to all who are to come.

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 #6 & #7

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 293, vv. 1, 2, 5 O What Precious Balm and Healing

*1. O what precious balm and healing,
Jesus, in Thy wounds I find!
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of Mind:
Should some evil thought rush in,
And provoke my soul to sin,
Thoughts of Thy deep wounds from sinning
Keep me in its first beginning.*

*2. Should some lust or sharp temptation
Prove too strong for flesh and blood,
Lo! I think upon Thy Passion,
And the breach is soon made good:
Or should Satan press me hard,
Thinking I am off my guard,
Christ, I say, for me was wounded,
And the tempter flees confounded.*

*5. Lord, on Thee alone I stay me,
Safely hide beneath Thy wing;
Death can neither hurt nor slay me,
Thy death took away his sting;
That I may in Thee have part,
Comfort, strengthen, heal my heart;
Light, and life, and love bestowing,
All from Thy free mercy flowing.*

~Sermon Text

John 11:32-40 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. "Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

~Sermon Theme

"The Son of God GOES FORTH TO WAR: Hidden Warrior"

~Versicle

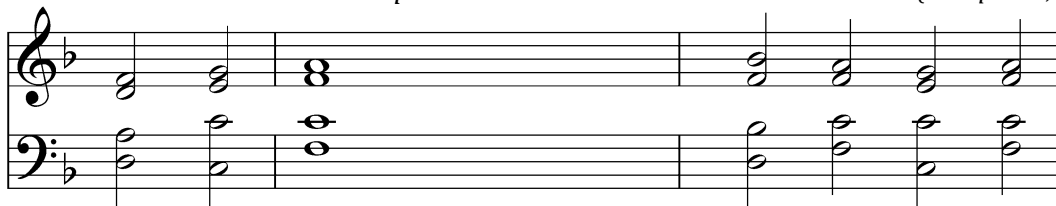
(ELH p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

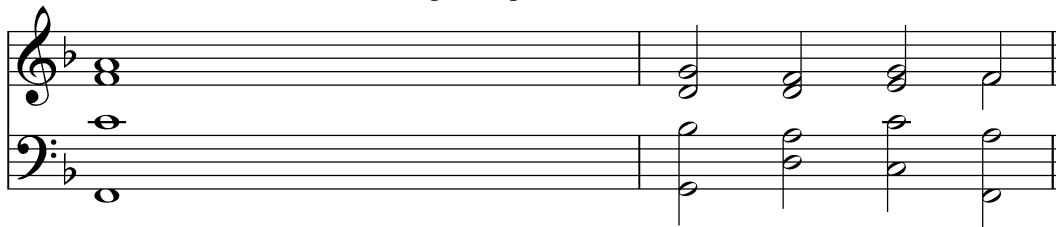
C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~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- tiles:
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 54 *Beautiful Savior*

1. *Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

2. *Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

3. *Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.*

4. *Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!*

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