



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 40

May 5, 2021

✠ EVENING PRAYER ✠

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Kneel or Stand

EASTER VERSICLES

L Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

L We are illumined by the brightness of His ris - ing.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

L Death has no more dominion o - ver us.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

PHOS HILARON

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.

C A - men.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

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PSALMODY

PSALM 141

Psalms 141:1-4, 8

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.

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.

The musical score for Psalm 141 consists of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two sharps (D major), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a common time signature and ends with a double bar line.



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.



Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,



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

P 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.

MEDITATION PSALM

Psalm 40; antiphon: v. 17

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes | thought for me.*
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, | O my God!

- 1 I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
 - He inclined to me and | heard my cry.
 - 2 **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,***
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.
 - 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.
 - 4 **Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,***
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!
 - 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with You!*
 - I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than | can be told.
 - 6 **Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an | open ear.***
Burnt offering and sin offering You have | not required.
 - 7 Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;*"
 - in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:
 - 8 **I desire to do Your will, | O my God;***
Your law is with- | in my heart."
 - 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;*
 - behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, | O LORD.
 - 10 **I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;**
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your sal- | vation;*
I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness
from the great congre- | gation.
 - 11 As for you, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mer- | cy from me;*
 - Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!
 - 12 **For evils have encompassed me beyond number;**
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I | cannot see;*
they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart | fails me.
 - 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to de- | liver me!*
 - O LORD, make haste to | help me!
 - 14 **Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch a- | way my life;***
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!
 - 15 Let those be appalled because | of their shame*
who say to me, "A- | ha, Aha!"
 - 16 **But may all who seek You rejoice and be | glad in You;***
may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great | is the LORD!"
 - 17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the LORD takes | thought for me.*
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, | O my God!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The antiphon is repeated.



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
 "A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
 "A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

<p>5 Then let us now draw near, Washed in that precious flood And enter the Most Holy Place By Jesus' blood. From hearts that are sincere, Let tongues our hope profess, And trust anew God's faithful grace That we confess.</p>	<p>△6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who intercedes, Our great High Priest enthroned above Who knows our needs; And to the Father sing Our songs of thankful praise, Who with the Spirit reigns in love For endless days.</p>
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READINGS

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Hebrews 10 (NKJV)

P A reading from Hebrews, chapter ten.

¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin every year.

⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said,

"Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired,
 but a body have You prepared for Me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings

You have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God,
 as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When He said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then He added, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the LORD:
I will put My laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then He adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Holy Places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹and since we have a Great Priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

²⁶For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine; I will repay.” And again, “The LORD will judge His people.” ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³²But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For,

“Yet a little while,
and the Coming One will come and will not delay;
³⁸ but My righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back,
My soul has no pleasure in him.”

³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

P 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.

Hebrews 1: 1–2a

SERMON

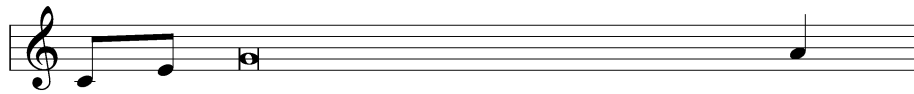
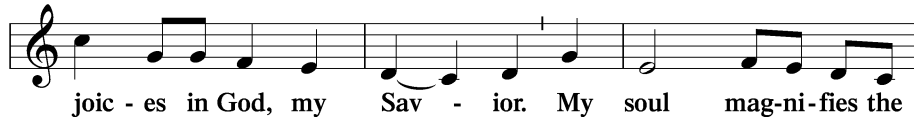
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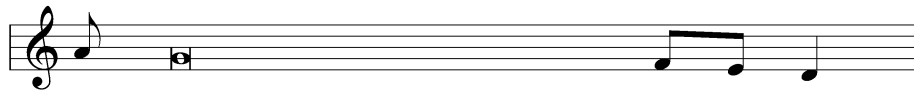
Luke 1:46-55

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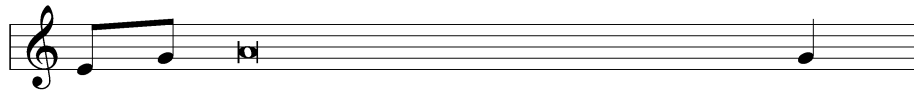
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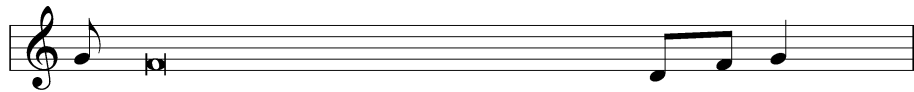
- 1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



- 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,



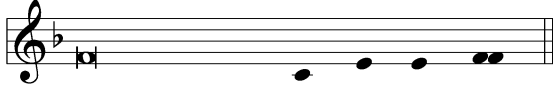
- 1 all generations will call me blessèd.
- 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
- 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
- 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
- 5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

PRAYER

Kneel or Remain Standing

LITANY

The congregation begins the response as the pastor concludes each petition, so that the word "Lord" is sung together.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Matthew, our Synod President, for Michael, our District President, 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.

P For Joseph, our nation's President, 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.

P 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.

P 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.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

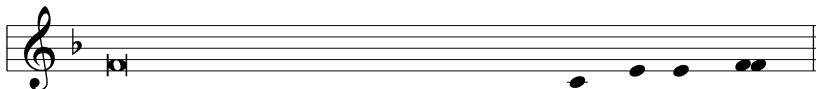
C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be included*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.



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



C Al - le - lu - ia.

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:

C To You, O Lord.

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 A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
 bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
 those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
 to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Stand

BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

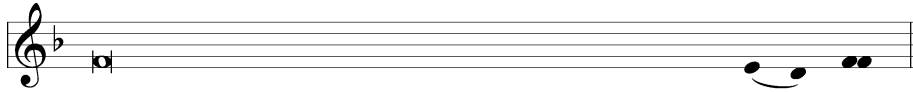


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)