



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 41

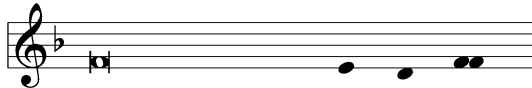
May 12, 2021

✠ EVENING PRAYER ✠

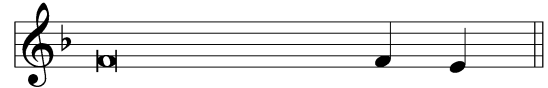
SERVICE OF LIGHT

Kneel or Stand

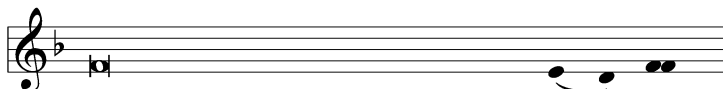
EASTER VERSICLES



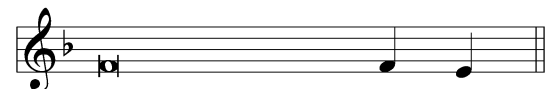
L Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.




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,



bless - 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.

Sit

PSALMODY

PSALM 141

Psalm 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.



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 41; antiphon: v. 4

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



(Antiphon) As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; *
 heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst You!”

- 1 Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor! *
 In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him;
- 2 **the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd | in the land; *
 you do not give him up to the will of his | enemies.**
- 3 The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed; *
 in his illness you restore him to | full health.
- 4 **As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; *
 heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst You!”**
- 5 My enemies say of me in | malice, *
 “When will he die and his name | perish?”
- 6 **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers in- | iquity; *
 when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.**
- 7 All who hate me whisper together a- | bout me; *
 they imagine the | worst for me.
- 8 **They say, “A deadly thing is poured | out on him; *
 he will not rise again from | where he lies.”**
- 9 Even my close friend in whom I | trusted, *
 who ate my bread, has lifted his heel a- | gainst me.
- 10 **But You, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me, *
 and raise me up, that I may re- | pay them!**
- 11 By this I know that You de- | light in me: *
 my enemy will not shout in triumph | over me.
- 12 **But You have upheld me because of my in- | tegrity, *
 and set me in Your presence for- | ever.**
- 13 Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel, *
 from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and | Amen.
**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.

OFFICE HYMN: Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad-ness to this heart;
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruis-ed soul;
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crush-ing load
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran-som due;
- 5 Thy righ-teous-ness, O Christ, A-lone can cov-er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de-part.
 Thy stripes, not mine, con-tain The balm that makes me whole.
 Of sins that none could bear But the in-car-nate God.
 Ten thou-sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
 No righ-teous-ness a-vails Save that which is of Thee.



Refrain
 To whom save Thee, Who canst a-lone For sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

READINGS

FIRST READING

Micah 7:18–20

P A reading from Micah, chapter seven.

¹⁸ Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance?

He does not retain His anger forever,
because He delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
He will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as You have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–2, 5–8

P A reading from Revelation, chapter twenty-one.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. . . .

⁵And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

THIRD READING

John 13:16–20

P A reading from John, chapter thirteen.

¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate My bread has lifted his heel against Me.’ ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent Me.”

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

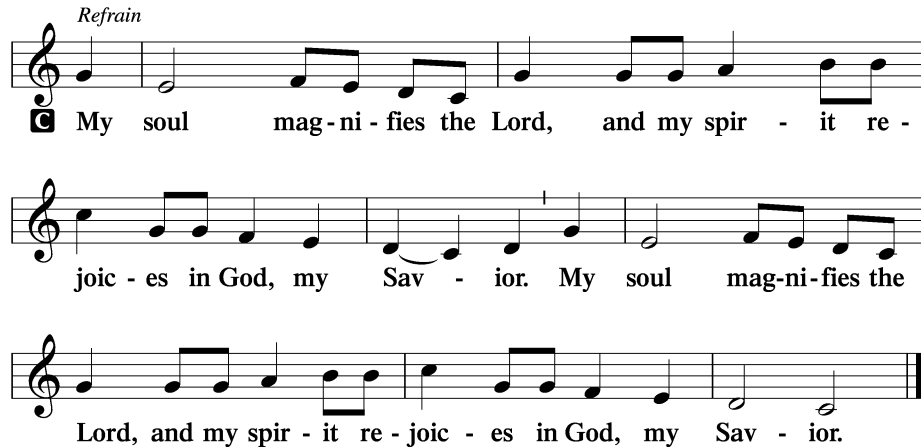
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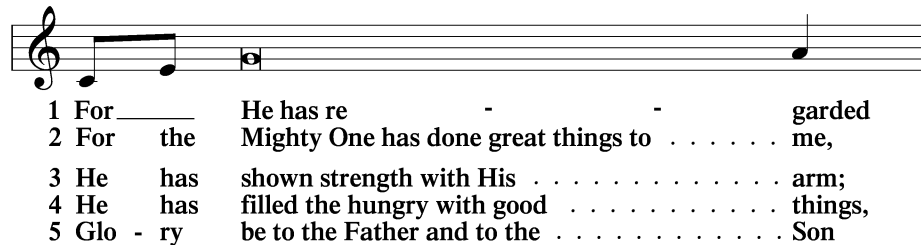
Luke 1:46-55

MAGNIFICAT: Song of Mary

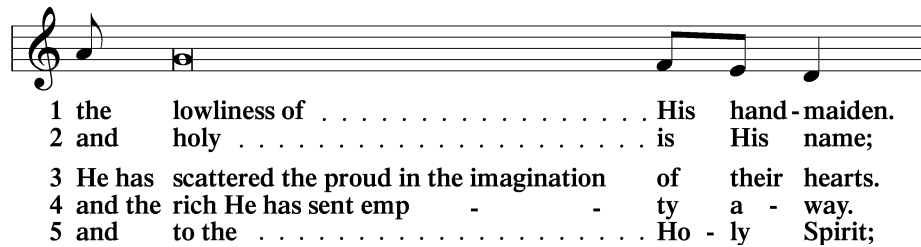
Refrain



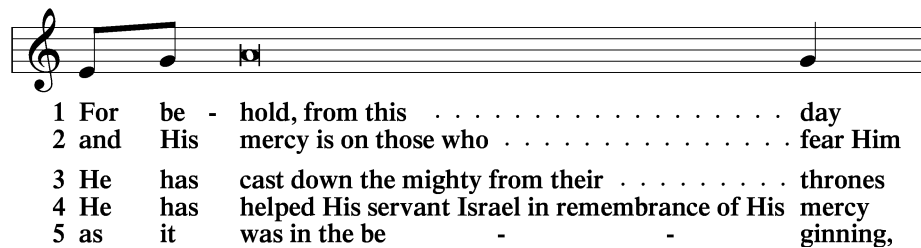
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



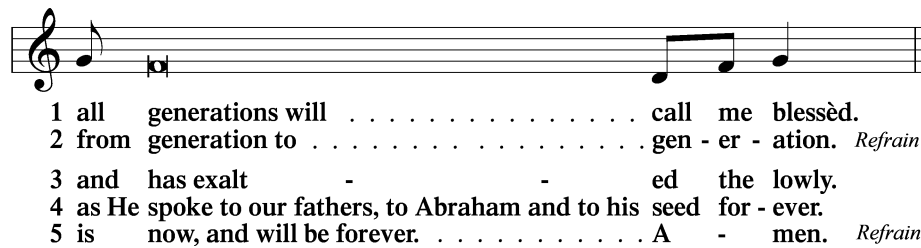
1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



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,



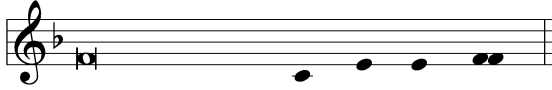
1 all generations will call me blessèd.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

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:

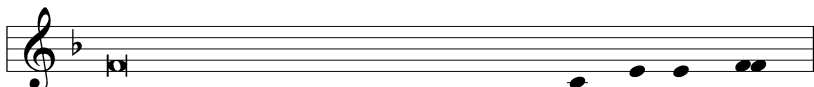
C Lord, have mercy.

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]

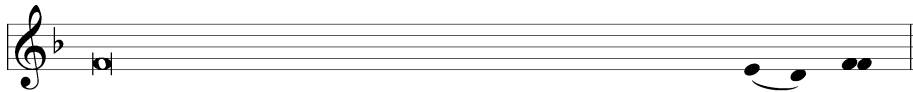


L Let us bless the Lord.



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)