



MIDWEEK DEVOTION – PSALM 38

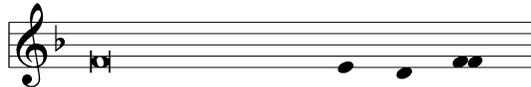
April 21, 2021

✠ EVENING PRAYER ✠

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Kneel or Stand

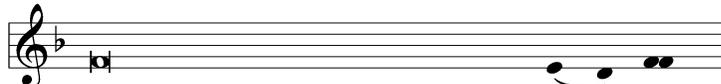
EASTER VERSICLES



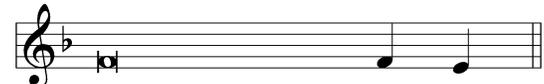
L Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



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.

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 38; antiphon: vv. 21, 22

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



(Antiphon) Do not forsake me, | O LORD!*

O my God, be not | far from me!

Make haste to | help me,*

O Lord, my sal- | vation!

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in Your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in Your wrath!

² For Your arrows have sunk | into me,*
and Your hand has come | down on me.

³ **There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indig- | nation;***
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.

⁴ **For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;***
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.

⁵ My wounds stink and | fester*
because of my | foolishness,

⁶ I am utterly bowed down and | prostrate;*
all the day I go about | mourning.

⁷ **For my sides are filled with | burning,***
and there is no soundness | in my flesh.

⁸ **I am feeble | and crushed;***
I groan because of the tumult | of my heart.

⁹ O Lord, all my longing is be- | fore You,*
my sighing is not hid- | den from You.

¹⁰ My heart throbs; my strength | fails me,*
and the light of my eyes—it also has | gone from me.

¹¹ **My friends and companions stand aloof | from my plague,***
and my nearest kin stand | far off.

¹² **Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of | ruin*
and meditate treachery | all day long.**

¹³ But I am like a deaf man; I | do not hear,*
like a mute man who does not o- | pen his mouth.

¹⁴ I have become like a man who | does not hear,*
and in whose mouth are | no rebukes.

¹⁵ **But for You, O LORD, | do I wait;***
it is You, O Lord my God, who will | answer.

¹⁶ **For I said, “Only let them not rejoice | over me,*
who boast against me when my | foot slips!”**

¹⁷ For I am read- | y to fall,*
and my pain is ever be- | fore me.

¹⁸ I confess my in- | iquity;*
I am sorry | for my sin.

¹⁹ **But my foes are vigorous, they are | mighty,*
and many are those who hate me | wrongfully.**

²⁰ **Those who render me e- | vil for good*
accuse me because I follow | after good.**

²¹ Do not forsake me, | O LORD!*

O my God, be not | far from me!

Make haste to | help me,*

O Lord, my sal- | vation!

**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 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
 3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
 4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,
 5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
 I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
 It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
 You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us
 Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
 To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
 He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
 Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.
 Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 4:5b–7

P A reading from Genesis, chapter four.

^{5b}So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

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

Silence for reflection.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12, 18–19

P A reading from Romans, chapter five.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— . . . ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Silence for reflection.

THIRD READING

John 14:1–6 (NKJV)

P A reading from the Gospel of Saint John, chapter fourteen.

¹"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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

Silence for reflection.

* Hebrew Idiom; literally "will there not be a lifting up (of your face)"

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

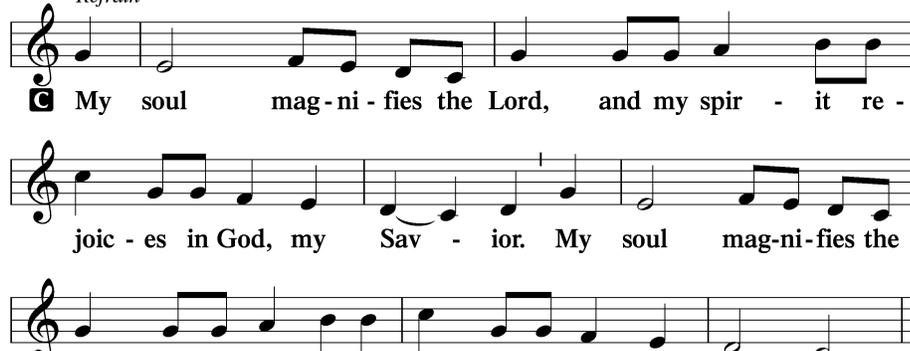
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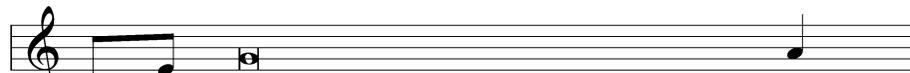
MAGNIFICAT: Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

Refrain



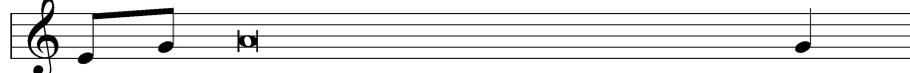
C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



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,



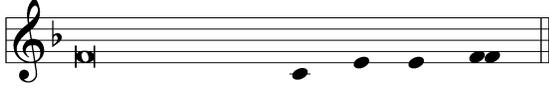
1 all generations will call me blessèd.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

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]

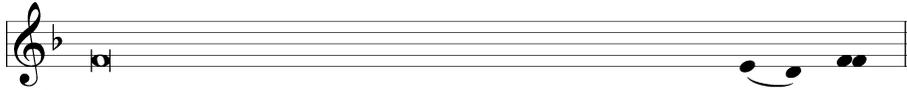


L Let us bless the Lord.



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)