

## Lenten Vespers

February 24, 2021

### Opening Versicles

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#### PSALM (Responsively)

*Psalm 121*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

*Sit*

#### OFFICE HYMN

"Christ, Mighty Savior"

LSB 881

#### OLD TESTAMENT

*Genesis 32:22–30*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### EPISTLE

*Romans 8:22–28*

<sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we

were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**I** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:36–46*

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**I** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

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## SERMON

+ CANTICLE +

*Stand*

## ANTIPHON

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## MAGNIFICAT (Responsively)

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**C** **My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;**

**I** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

**II** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

**I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

**G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

Offerings placed in plates at entrance.

+ PRAYER +

*Kneel/Stand*

**KYRIE**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**COLLECTS**

I O Lord, hear my prayer.

**G And let my cry come to You.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

**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.

**G Amen.**

*Stand*

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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**HYMN**

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

*LSB 430*

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