

## Lenten Vespers

March 17, 2021

### Opening Versicles

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### PSALM (Responsively)

*Psalm 118:19–29*

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> I thank You that You have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> **Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;  
You are my God; I will extol You.**

<sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

**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*

OFFICE HYMN

“Before the Ending of the Day”

LSB 889

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 59:1–3, 12–13*

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,  
or His ear dull, that it cannot hear;

<sup>2</sup> but your iniquities have made a separation  
between you and your God,  
and your sins have hidden His face from you  
so that He does not hear.

<sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood  
and your fingers with iniquity;  
your lips have spoken lies;  
your tongue mutters wickedness.

<sup>12</sup> For our transgressions are multiplied before You,  
and our sins testify against us;  
for our transgressions are with us,  
and we know our iniquities:

<sup>13</sup> transgressing, and denying the LORD,  
and turning back from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,  
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 5:6–10*

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 22:54–62*

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a

servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with Him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." <sup>58</sup> And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup> And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

**P** 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.

**C** **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**

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** Lord God, Your Gospel Word supports us through both good times and bad. Forgive us for the times when our words deny You. Restore us, so that the words we speak bless both You and the people entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **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.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

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**HYMN**

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

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