

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"

A LENTEN LITURGY OF EVENING PRAYER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent Mid-Week 2

February 24, 2021

LENTEN THEME - "BOLD LOVE"

The world needs Christians who are bold in faith and Spirit-inspired love. This Lent we gather mid-week for renewal and inspiration in the bold love of Jesus. Many Christians are well aware of what took place on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But what took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week? These three days contain bold action of Jesus, bold teaching, and bold confrontation with the religious leaders. Ash Wednesday reminds us of Christ's bold solution to the dreadful problem of sin and death. The other five midweek services of this series explore the "Bold" events that took place between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. May the Holy Spirit kindle bold faith and love in us this Lenten season.



- Feb 17 Genesis 3:19 "Bold Solution" (Ash Wed.)
- Feb 24 Mark 11:15–19 "Bold Action"
- March 3 Mark 12:28–37 "Bold Questions"
- March 10 Matthew 23:1–12 "Bold Teaching"
- March 17 John 12:23–36 "Bold Final Appearance"
- March 24 Luke 22:1–6 "Bold Deal"

AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we encounter Jesus acting in a way that is somewhat unfamiliar to us: He is angry and forceful, clearing the temple of all those who have turned His Father's house into a den of robbers. We would do well to consider if God's house in our own church is what Jesus desires: a house of prayer for all nations.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Pastor John Benito, *Piano*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we recall Jesus clearing the temple.
- C** **He chased out the money-changers.**

- P** He chastised them for abusing His Father's house,
- C** **for God's house is a house of prayer for all nations.**

- P** They had turned it into a den of robbers.
- C** **Jesus took significant action for the sake of His Father's house.**

- P** Lord, grant that we turn from any ways we have misused our Father's house.
- C** **And grant that we ensure this house of the Lord is a house of prayer for all nations.**

KYRIE

from *Cantata al Señor*, "Oficio I"

Oh Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Oh Lord have mer - cy up -
on us. Have Mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Oh Lord have
mer - cy up - on us. Christ the Lord have mer - cy up -
on us, Christ the Lord have mer - cy up - on
us. Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Oh
Christ have mer - cy up - on us.

Chords: Em, B7, Em, E, Am, Em, B7, Em, B7, Em, E, Am, Em, B7, Em, D.C. al Fine

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

VERSICLES

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,

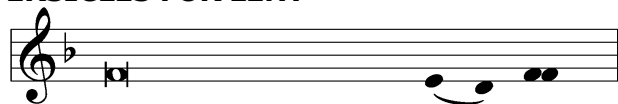
C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

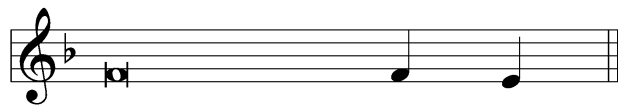


C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

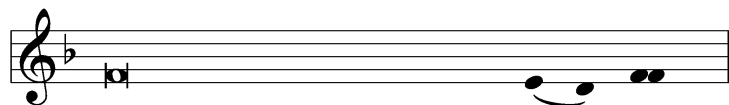
VERSICLES FOR LENT



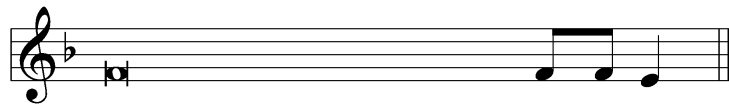
L Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



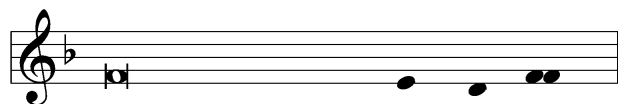
C now is the day of sal - va - tion.



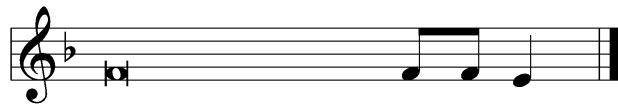
L Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.



L May Your justice shine like the sun;

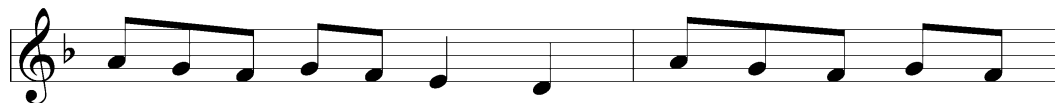


C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

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-

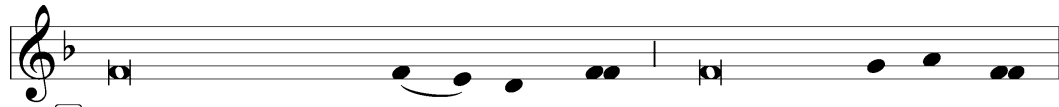


ev-er. O Son of God, O Giv-er of life:

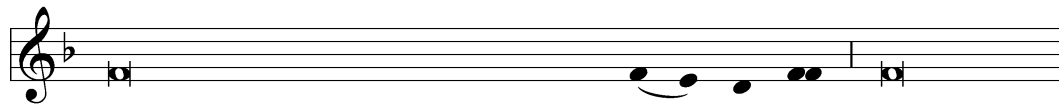


the u-ni-verse pro-claims Your glo-ry.

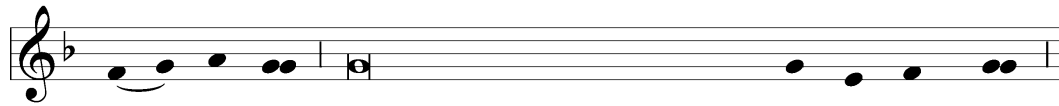
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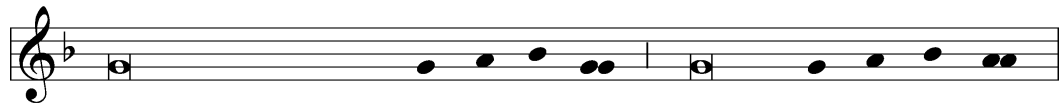
L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u-ni-verse,



who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



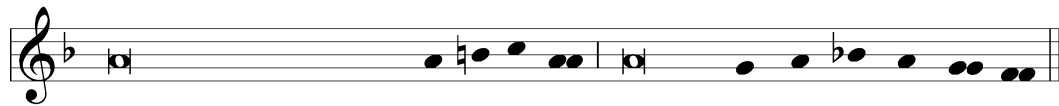
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



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.

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM 141



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.

PSALM PRAYER

- ℣ 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.
- ☩ Amen.

+ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(The house of the Lord is for all nations and peoples.)

Isaiah 56:1–8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ²Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ³Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." ⁴For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

EPISTLE LESSON

(Ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, we are called to act in holiness.)

1 Peter 1:13–21

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOSPEL LESSON

(Jesus cleanses the temple.)

Mark 11:15–19

¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came they went out of the city.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ There is No East or West" LSB 653 (sung to tune of "Amazing Grace" LSB 744)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through Our faith in His dear Son.
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!

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SERMON

Bold Love: "Bold Action"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"In God the Father I Believe" (tune: "Old Hundredth" LSB 805)

- 1 In God the Father I believe, Made heaven and earth and all we see.
Loved He the world so that He gave His Son that we all may be saved.
- 2 In Jesus Christ, I do believe God's Son the Spirit did conceive
In Virgin Mary, born to die, Then rise to reign and judge on high.

musical interlude

- 3 In God the Spirit I believe and all God's Holy Church are we.
His "saints" by grace through faith we live Forever in victory over the grave

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OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"La Ofrenda" from *Cantata al Señor* "Oficio I"

Work in me oh God a heartmeek and low - ly,
and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me hum - ble and true.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - sence. Do not
keep your Spi - rit from me Lord. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your gift. Your Spi - rit hold me and keep

D G D G D
A Em A7 D
G D
A A7 D G
D G D

31 G D

me. Give me a heart, con - trite meek and low - ly.

37 A A7 D

That's the sa - cri - fice that pleas - es the Lord.

+ PRAYER +

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

various petitions are offered

- P** O God, You sent Your Son to restore Your house to be a house of prayer for all nations. Give us courage to approach Your throne in prayer and to invite all nations to be Your people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

"Cordero de Dios" from *Cantad al Señor*, "Oficio I"

O Lamb of God that takes a-way the sins of the

world Lord have mer - cy on us O Lamb

of God that takes a-way the sins of the world

Lord have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God

that takes a-way the sins of the world grant us your

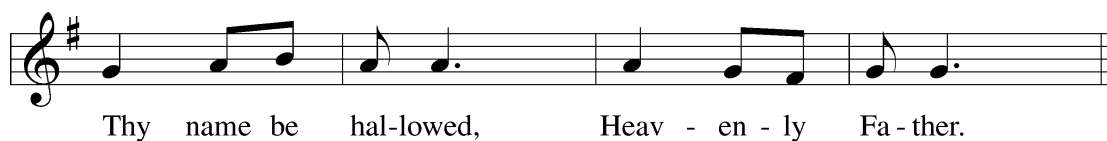
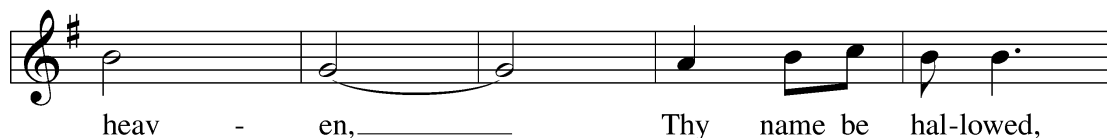
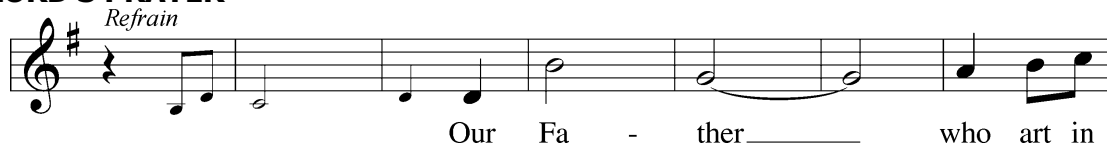
peace.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father" LSB 958



1 May Thy king - dom come to us, O
2 Give us this day, O Lord, our dai - ly
3 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,



Lord; May Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord; As in
bread; Lord, for-give our tres - pass - es, we pray, As
Lord, Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, But de -



heav - en so on earth may Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord.
we for-give all those who tres - pass a - gainst us, Lord.
liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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BENEDICAMUS

John 20:31

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior" LSB 527 (sung to the tune of "Church's One Foundation" LSB 644)

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

- 2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

- 4 O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

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POSTLUDE

Mariachi San Pablo

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