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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

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**Lenten Midweek #4  
Four Significant Days  
Significant Teaching: Tuesday of Holy Week**

**(Series B)**

## **WELCOME**

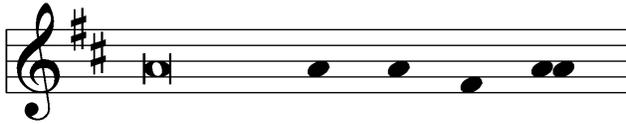
We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. In accordance with city ordinance #7488, masks are to be worn whenever you are in the church building. *(Exceptions are made for individuals who have a medical condition, verified by a doctor, for which wearing a face covering is not advisable.)* We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

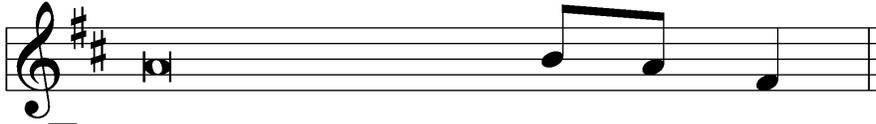
As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we find Jesus teaching His disciples and the crowds. He warns them about the scribes and Pharisees, religious leaders of the time. Jesus says these leaders are hypocritical. They do not practice what they preach. They burden others with the heaviest forms of the law but refuse to do anything they command their hearers to do. Consider how different Jesus is from these leaders. When Jesus instructs us to love others, He shows us how, most especially in His willingness to go to the cross and die for us and our salvation.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

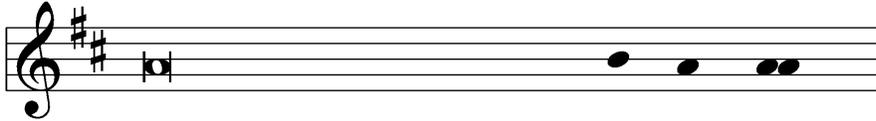
*Stand*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



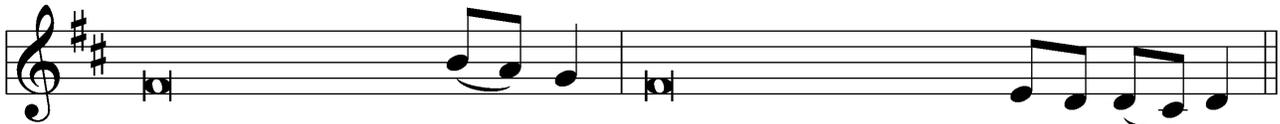
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

**P** As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we hear Jesus teaching about humility.  
**C** **He warns against the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees.**

**P** They put heavy burdens on others but refuse to carry those burdens themselves.

**C** **They enjoy being noticed, exalted, and honored but refuse servanthood.**

**P** Jesus calls us to humbleness.

**C** **Jesus calls us to serve.**

**P** Lord grant that we repent of our hypocrisy

**C** **and pick up our cross and follow Jesus.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 55*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
**C** **and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

**P** <sup>2</sup>Attend to me, and answer me;  
I am restless in my complaint and I moan,  
**C** <sup>3</sup>**because of the noise of the enemy,**  
**because of the oppression of the wicked.**

**P** For they drop trouble upon me,  
**C** **and in anger they bear a grudge against me.**

**P** <sup>4</sup>My heart is in anguish within me;  
**C** **the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>Fear and trembling come upon me,  
**C** **and horror overwhelms me.**

**P** <sup>6</sup>And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!  
**C** **I would fly away and be at rest;**

**P** <sup>7</sup>yes, I would wander far away;  
**C** **I would lodge in the wilderness;**

**P** <sup>8</sup>I would hurry to find a shelter  
**C** **from the raging wind and tempest.”**

**P** <sup>9</sup>Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues;  
**C** **for I see violence and strife in the city.**

**P** <sup>10</sup>Day and night they go around it on its walls,  
**C** **and iniquity and trouble are within it;**

**P** <sup>11</sup>ruin is in its midst;  
**C** **oppression and fraud**  
**do not depart from its marketplace.**

**P** <sup>12</sup>For it is not an enemy who taunts me—  
then I could bear it;  
**C** **it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—**  
**then I could hide from him.**

**P** <sup>13</sup>But it is you, a man, my equal,  
**C** **my companion, my familiar friend.**

**P** <sup>14</sup>We used to take sweet counsel together;  
**C** **within God’s house we walked in the throng.**

**P** <sup>15</sup>Let death steal over them;  
let them go down to Sheol alive;  
**C** **for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.**

**P** <sup>16</sup>But I call to God,  
**C** **and the LORD will save me.**

**P** <sup>17</sup>Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
**C** **and he hears my voice.**

**P** <sup>18</sup>He redeems my soul in safety  
from the battle that I wage,  
**C**       **for many are arrayed against me.**

**P** <sup>19</sup>God will give ear and humble them,  
he who is enthroned from of old,  
**C**       **because they do not change  
and do not fear God.**

**P** <sup>20</sup>My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;  
**C**       **he violated his covenant.**

**P** <sup>21</sup>His speech was smooth as butter,  
yet war was in his heart;  
**C**       **his words were softer than oil,  
yet they were drawn swords.**

**P** <sup>22</sup>Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
**C**       **he will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.**

**P** <sup>23</sup>But you, O God, will cast them down  
into the pit of destruction;  
men of blood and treachery  
shall not live out half their days.  
**C**       **But I will trust in you.**

**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*

# OFFICE HYMN – FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

LSB 664



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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## READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Zephaniah 2:1-3*

*(The day of the Lord's anger is coming, but the humble seek the Lord and do His commands.)*

<sup>1</sup>Gather together, yes, gather,  
O shameless nation,  
<sup>2</sup>before the decree takes effect  
—before the day passes away like chaff—  
before there comes upon you  
the burning anger of the LORD,  
before there comes upon you  
the day of the anger of the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,  
who do his just commands;  
seek righteousness; seek humility;  
perhaps you may be hidden  
on the day of the anger of the LORD.

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

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

## PSALM

Psalm 76

- P** <sup>1</sup>In Judah God is known;  
**C**       **his name is great in Israel.**
- P** <sup>2</sup>His abode has been established in Salem,  
**C**       **his dwelling place in Zion.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>There he broke the flashing arrows,  
**C**       **the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.**
- P** <sup>4</sup>Glorious are you, more majestic  
**C**       **than the mountains of prey.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;  
they sank into sleep;  
**C**       **all the men of war**  
          **were unable to use their hands.**
- P** <sup>6</sup>At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
**C**       **both rider and horse lay stunned.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>But you, you are to be feared  
**C**       **Who can stand before you**  
          **when once your anger is roused?**
- P** <sup>8</sup>From the heavens you uttered judgment;  
**C**       **the earth feared and was still,**
- P** <sup>9</sup>when God arose to establish judgment,  
**C**       **to save all the humble of the earth.**
- P** <sup>10</sup>Surely the wrath of man shall praise you;  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.  
**C**       **the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them;  
**C**       **let all around him bring gifts**  
              **to him who is to be feared,**

**P** <sup>12</sup>who cuts off the spirit of princes,  
**C**       **who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.**

**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.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 2:1-11*

*(Following the example of humility set by Christ.)*

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**L**   O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C**   **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## VERSE (LENT)

LSB 157



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## THIRD READING

Matthew 23:1-12

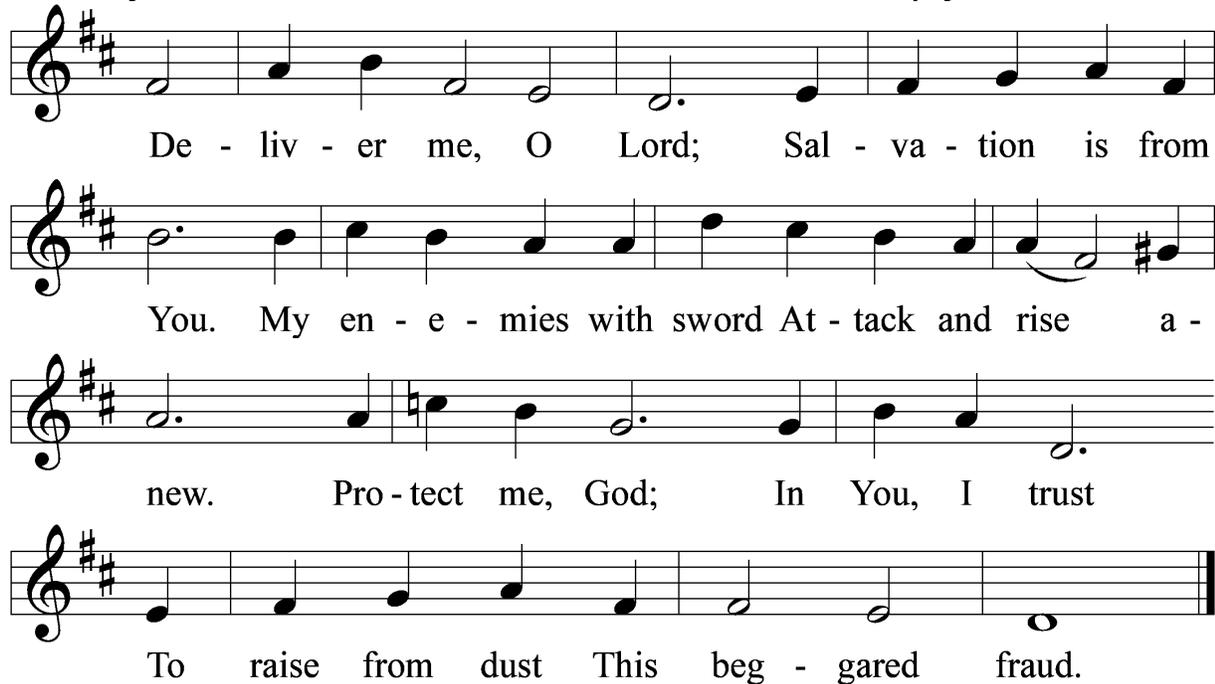
*(Jesus warns about the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees.)*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, <sup>3</sup>so practice and observe whatever they tell you—but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, <sup>6</sup>and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup>and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup>And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup>Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory – “Deliver Me, O Lord” *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*



De - liv - er me, O Lord; Sal - va - tion is from  
You. My en - e - mies with sword At - tack and rise a -  
new. Pro - tect me, God; In You, I trust  
To raise from dust This beg - gared fraud.

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*Sit*

## SERMON

*Stand*

## CANTICLE

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

## 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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3. Give through our **website**:  
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

## PRAYER

### KYRIE

LSB 233

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

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

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, grant us by Your grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's passion that we may obtain the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You warned us about the danger of hypocritical religious leaders and the necessity of humility. Help us to follow Your example of humble obedience that we may be servants for all our days, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## **BENEDICTION**

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

**C** **Amen.**

# HYMN TO DEPART

## 848 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -  
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

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