



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

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 7:30 PM

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Lenten Midweek #5

Four Significant Days

Significant Final Appearance: Tuesday of Holy Week

(Series B)

WELCOME

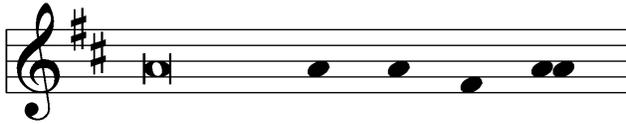
We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukemanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, 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

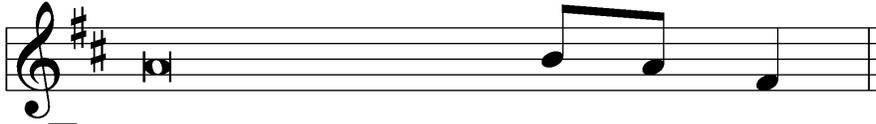
As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we hear the voice of God the Father thundering down from heaven, and we see Jesus disappear from the public until He stands before them on trial before His crucifixion. In today's Reading from John 12, Jesus encourages us to walk in His light, lest darkness overtake us. Consider how blessed we are that Jesus allowed Himself to be overtaken by darkness so that we might walk forever in His marvelous light.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

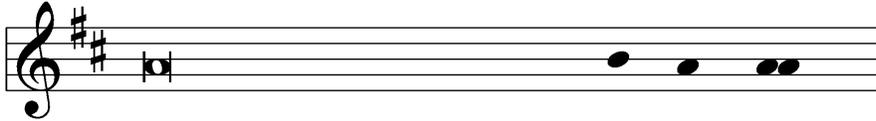
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



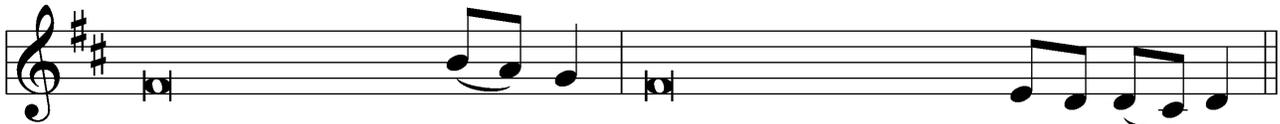
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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 behold Jesus' final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.

C **He says that His soul is troubled.**

P He prays, "Father, glorify Your name."

C **The Father's voice echoes from the heavens.**

P "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

C **Jesus tells the people He will be lifted up, pointing them to the cross.**

P The people fail to understand who Jesus is.

C **But He encourages them to walk in the light, lest darkness overtake them.**

P Then He hid Himself from them.

C **Lord, grant that we walk in the light of Christ, lest darkness overtake us.**

PSALM

Psalm 13

P ¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

C **How long will you hide your face from me?**

P ²How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

C **How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

P ³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

C **light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

P ⁴lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

C **lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**

P ⁵But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

C **my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

P ⁶I will sing to the LORD,

C **because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

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 – ABIDE WITH ME

LSB 878



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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READINGS

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

(God sends fiery serpents upon the Israelites but provides a way for them to be saved.)

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104: 1-9

P ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul!

C O LORD my God, you are very great!

P You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

C ²covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

P ³He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;

C he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;

P ⁴he makes his messengers winds,

C his ministers a flaming fire.

P ⁵He set the earth on its foundations,

C **so that it should never be moved.**

P ⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment;

C **the waters stood above the mountains.**

P ⁷At your rebuke they fled;

C **at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.**

P ⁸The mountains rose, the valleys sank down

C **to the place that you appointed for them.**

P ⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass,

C **so that they might not again cover 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

1 Peter 2:1-10

(Christ has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.)

¹So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 12:23-36

(Jesus makes His final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.)

²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name."

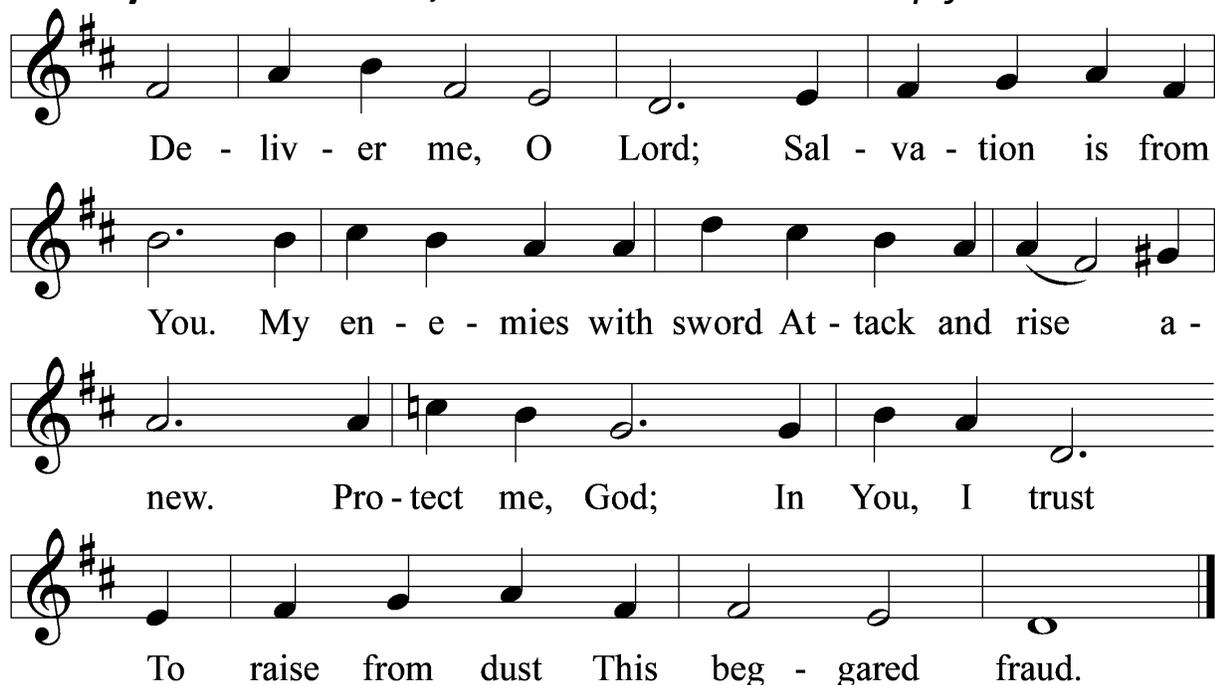
Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

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

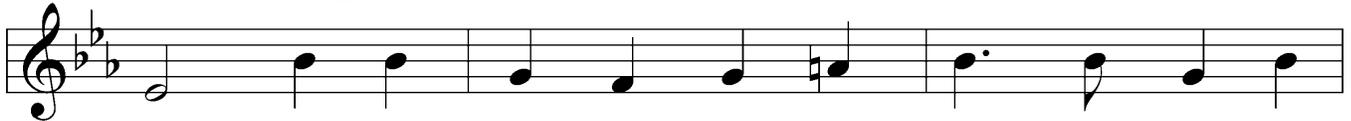
SERMON

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 are the light of the world that has shined in our darkness. Guide our footsteps to walk in Your light and be freed from the darkness of the evil one, so that we might reflect Your light to others who still sit in darkness; 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

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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