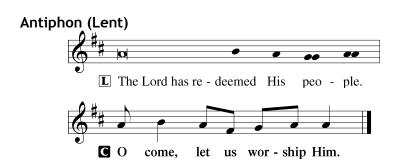
Order of Matins for Laetare (Lent 4) - 03/22/2020

The head of the household reads the parts marked **L** and the rest of the household **G**. Pray the following order as your ability and family size dictates. Musical notation is provided but you may speak instead. Hymns are provided throughout, with additional selections at the end of the document.

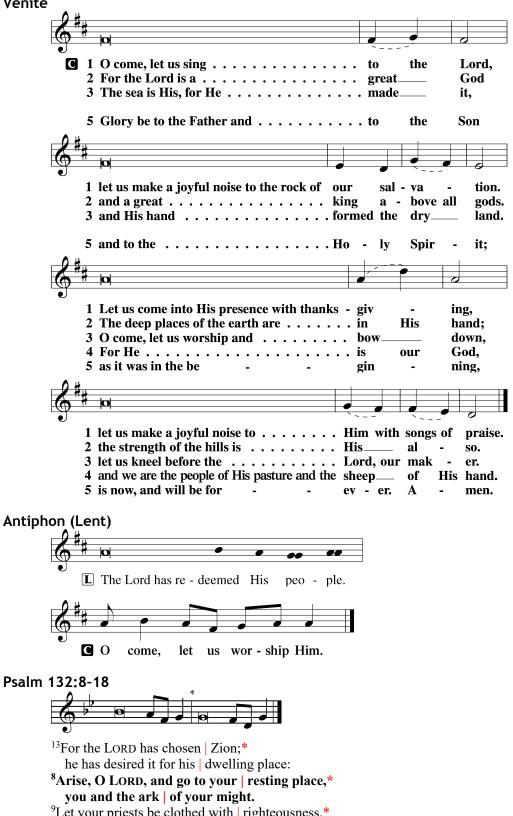


Psalmody



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⁹Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,* and let your saints | shout for joy.

do not turn away the face of your a- nointed one.

¹⁰For the sake of your servant | David,*

¹¹The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will | not turn back:*
"One of the sons of your body I will set | on your throne.

¹²If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,* their sons also forever shall sit | on your throne."

¹³For the LORD has chosen | Zion;* he has desired it for his | dwelling place: 14"This is my resting place for- ever;* here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it. ¹⁵I will abundantly bless her pro- visions;* I will satisfy her poor with bread. ¹⁶Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,* and her saints will | shout for jov. ¹⁷There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;* I have prepared a lamp for my a- nointed. ¹⁸His enemies I will | clothe with shame,* but on him his | crown will shine." Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. ¹³For the LORD has chosen | Zion;* he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

Office Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

Readings

Reading Exodus 16:2–21

L A reading from Exodus, chapter 16.

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent." ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading Galatians 4:21-31

L A reading from Galatians, chapter 4.

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

- O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Reading John 6:1-15

L A reading from John, chapter 6.

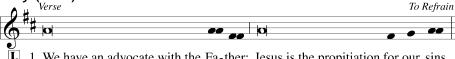
¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent) LSB 222

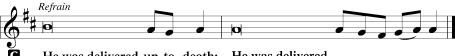


We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

2 Blessed is he whose

transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is

3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



He was delivered up to death: He was delivered

for the sins of the peo-ple.

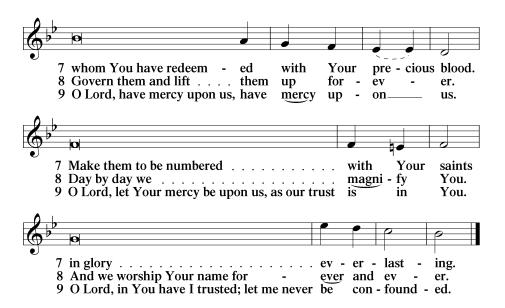
Canticle

Te Deum LSB 223 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to the Lord. be 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a oth; You. praise All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last ing. 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on -Son; 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ; To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry: 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets You. praise. 3 also the Holy Ghost, the 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Com-fort er. ther. 5 When You took upon Yourself to de liv er man, 6 You sit at the right God . hand 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of gin. vir 6 in the glory of the Fa ther. 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death, will come 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev ers. be_ our_ judge. 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her vants, tage.

out

sin.

9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with



Prayer

The Great Litany

- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **L** God the Father in heaven,
- **C** have mercy.
- L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C have mercy.
- **L** God the Holy Spirit,
- C have mercy.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- C Spare us, good Lord.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- Help us, good Lord.
- **I** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

- **G** Good Lord, deliver us.
- L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- L We poor sinners implore You
- c to hear us, O Lord.

- L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
 - To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
 - To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- **G** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- [L] O Christ,
- C hear us.
- L O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 Grace

- L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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 LSB 228

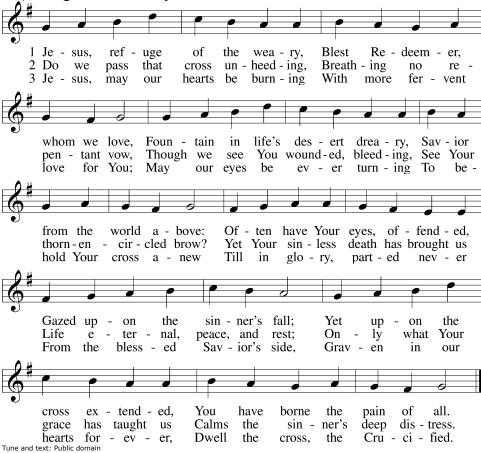
- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 228

- **L** The grace of our Lord

 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
- C Amen.

423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



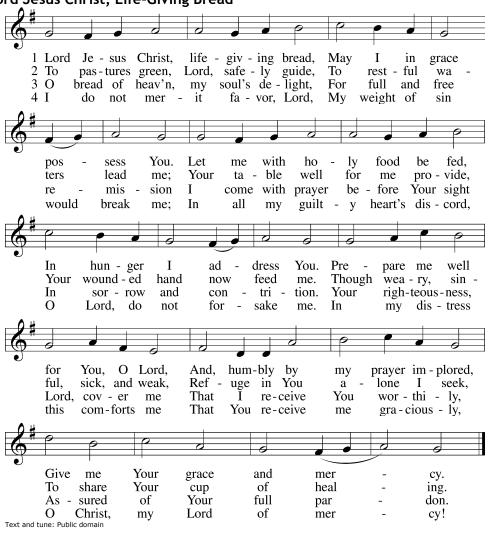
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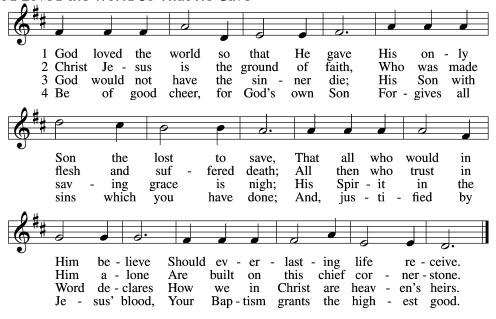
642 O Living Bread from Heaven



625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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