

### Lenten Midweek Morning Prayer for April 1, 2020

#### Versicles

LSB 235

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- 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.

#### Psalmody

#### Antiphon (Common)

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- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
- C** O come, let us worship Him.

#### Venite

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- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. 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.

#### Antiphon (Common)

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Antiphon J.G. Fleischmann

Send out Your light and Your truth, O my God.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a 6/4 time signature.

Psalm Tone

The musical notation for the Psalm Tone consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a 6/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats. It features a simple, rhythmic melody with sustained notes in the bass clef.

#### Psalm

Psalm 43 (antiphon: v.5)

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
 against an ungodly | people,\*  
 from the deceitful and unjust man

de- | liver me!

<sup>2</sup>For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you re- | jected me?\*

Why do I go about mourning  
because of the oppression of the | enemy?

<sup>3</sup>Send out your light and your truth;  
let them | lead me;\*

let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your | dwelling!

<sup>4</sup>Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O | God, my God.

<sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation | and my God.

*Sit*

### 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.

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### Reading

Hebrews 9:11–15

**L** A reading from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the

blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

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

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Benedictus

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**C** **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to His people and redeemed them.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of His servant David.**

**Through His holy prophets He promised of old  
that He would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant.**

**This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship Him without fear,  
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.**

**L** You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,  
to give His people knowledge of their salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sin.

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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.**

## Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Collect

**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.**

## Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{†}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

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