Midweek Lenten Service

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Olney, Maryland

April 1, 2020 | 7:00 PM

Vespers



PSALM (Spoken Responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

PSALM 126

³"The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

like streams in the Negeb!
⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

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

OFFICE HYMN



Reading (SIT)

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

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²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶"The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

³⁰"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Responsory To Refrain Verse *ee* |0| ... 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va tion. 2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God. 3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion. Refrain O Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.

Catechism Lesson

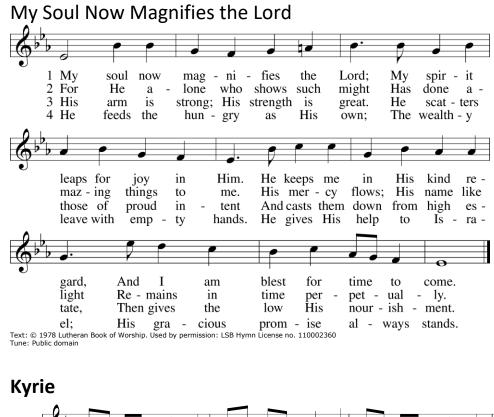
- P The Fifth Petition:
- C And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- P What does this mean?
- C We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Lenten Reflection

Pastor Timothy Boerger

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Canticle

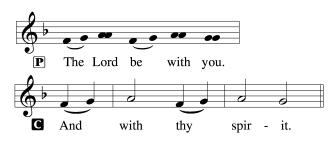


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Lord's Prayer

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



Collect of the Day

- P 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.

Collect for Peace

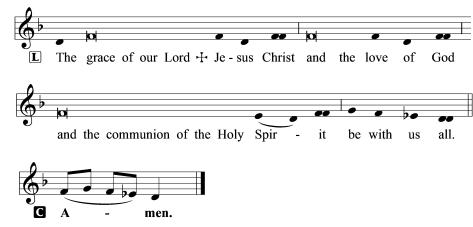
L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus



Benediction



Sending Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



Postlude

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