

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Thursday in the Week of Laetare: The Fourth Sunday in Holy Lent
March 31, 2022**

**Order of Service: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 109
Propers: *Treasury of Daily Prayer***

Opening Prayers

In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open our mouths, O Lord, to bless Your holy name. Cleanse our hearts from all vain, foolish, and wandering thoughts; enlighten our understanding, enkindle our affections, that we may recite this divine office with attention and devotion, and so may be fit to be heard before the Presence of Your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Versicles

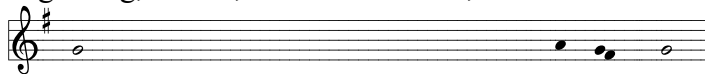
O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

† Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.



Praise be to You, O Christ, King of eter - nal glo - ry.

Invitatory and Venite

Christ, for our sakes, has endured temptation and suffering.

O come, let us worship Him.

O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land.

O come, let 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 Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.

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Office Hymn: *Christ, Sun of Righteousness, We Pray* (Tune: 291)

Christ, Sun of Righteousness, we pray
Our darkened minds may now know day,
That virtue's light may shine once more
As day to earth Thou dost restore.

While setting us this time apart,
Oh, grant us, too, a contrite heart
That they by kindness may be turned
Who long Thy patient love have spurned.

That day draws nigh, Thy saving hour
When all things made anew shall flower;
Oh, let us greet with joyful face
That day which brings us back Thy grace.

May all creation worship Thee,
O blest forebearing Trinity,
And we, by pardon new-restored,
A new song sing we to the Lord. Amen.

Psalm 82

Tone 3



Antiphon

Arise, O God, `judge the *earth*; / For You shall inher`it all nations.

Psalm

God stands in the congregation `of the mighty; / He judges `among the gods.

²How long will you `judge unjustly, / And show partiality `to the wicked?

³Defend the poor `and fatherless; / Do justice to the afflict`ed and needy.

⁴Deliver the `poor and needy; / Free them from the hand `of the wicked.

⁵They `do not *know*, / nor do `they understand;

They walk a`bout in darkness; / All the foundations of the earth `are unstable.

⁶I said, "You are *gods*, / And all of you are children `of the Most High.

⁷But you `shall die like men, / And fall like one `of the princes."

⁸Arise, O God, `judge the *earth*; / For You shall inher`it all nations.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son: / and to `the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be`ginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever `more. Amen.

Antiphon

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Weekly Bible Verse Recitation: *Ephesians 5:25-26*

Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse here with the washing of water by the word. *Ephesians 5:25-26*

Weekly Catechism Recitation: *The Meaning of Baptism*

What does such baptizing with water mean?

Such baptizing with water means that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts; and that a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes, *Romans 6:4*: We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death that just as He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

First Lection: *Genesis 45:1-20, 24-28*

Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. **2** And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it*. **3** Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. **4** And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. **5** But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. **6** For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. **7** And God sent me before you to preserve a [a]posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. **8** So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not [b]tarry. **10** You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. **11** There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine.'" "

12 "And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. **13** So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. **15** Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

16 Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. **17** And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers,

‘Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan. **18** Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the [c]fat of the land. **19** Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come. **20** Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.’”

24 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, “See that you do not become troubled along the way.”

25 Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. **26** And they told him, saying, “Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt.” And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them. **27** But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. **28** Then Israel said, “*It is* enough. Joseph my son *is* still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Thursday Canticle: *Cantimus Domino (Song of Miriam & Moses) – Exodus 15* Tone 8



Antiphon

The Lord is the `strength of my life;/ of whom shall `I be afraid?

Canticle

“I will `sing to the LORD,/ For He has triumphed `gloriously!

The horse `and its rider/ He has thrown `into the sea!

²The LORD is `my strength and song,/ And He has become `my salvation;

He is my God, and `I will praise Him;/ My father’s God, and I `will exalt Him.

⁶“Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has become `glorious in power;

Your `right hand, O LORD,/ has dashed the enemy `in pieces.

⁷And in the greatness of `Your excellence/ You have overthrown those who `rose against You;

You `sent forth Your wrath;/ It consumed `them like stubble.

¹¹“Who is `like You, O LORD,/ a `mong the *gods*?

Who is like You, glorious `in holiness,/ Fearful in praises, `doing wonders?

¹³You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom `You have redeemed;/ You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy `habitation.

¹⁷You will bring them `in and plant them/ In the mountain of Your `inheritance,

In the place, O LORD, which You have made For `Your own dwelling,/ The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands `have established.

¹⁸“The `LORD shall *reign*/ forev`er and ever.”

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son:/ and to `the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be`ginning, is now:/ and ever shall be, forever `more. Amen.

Antiphon

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Second Lection: *St. Mark 13:1-23*

Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*”

2 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, **4** “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. **6** For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’ and will deceive many. **7** But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. **8** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines [a]and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of [b]sorrows.

9 “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will [c]be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. **10** And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. **11** But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, [d]or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. **12** Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. **13** And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who [e]endures to the end shall be saved.

14 “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ [f]spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **15** Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. **16** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **17** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **18** And pray that your flight may not be in winter. **19** For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. **20** And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. **22** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the [g]elect. **23** But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: 263, *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish

Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my Pleasure;
Jesus is my Choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

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.

Hence, all fear and sadness!

For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms my gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest Pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure!

Morning Versicle

O satisfy us early with Your mercy.
That we may rejoice and be glad.

Morning Canticle: *The Benedictus*

Antiphon

Man shall not live by bread alone: But by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Canticle

†“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He has visited and redeemed His people
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us; in the house of servant David;

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies; and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers; and to remember His holy covenant
To perform the oath which He swore to our father Abraham; that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him; all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you will go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited
us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet into
the way of peace.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.

Antiphon

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Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father...

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Prayers

For the Week of Laetare: Fourth Sunday in Holy Lent

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we, who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

For the Day from the Treasury of Daily Prayer

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

For the Church on Earth

O Lord Jesus Christ, You are ever present with Your Household the Church here on earth, and You will bring to fulfillment in the glories of heaven what You have established: Keep, we beseech You, Your Church always faithful to Your divine will and purpose and cleanse her of every worldly and human taint; so that she may purely and boldly proclaim the Gospel You have entrusted to her, fight sin and wrong without wavering, bear every burden courageously and endure every trial and tribulation that tests her steadfastly; that with shining faith and love she may persevere in every worldly struggle and by Your grace be victorious; in Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

For the Church in Society

O God, Your Son gave Himself to You in all things, and for You He gave Himself to all that He might reveal Your will and love: Grant Your people grace and strength to live to You and, following Christ's blessed example, to love and serve others. Give us His vision that we may see life with sympathetic appreciation of its struggles and failures, its sin and needs. Give us His heart of love that we may not hesitate to work for the common good of our fellowmen. Give us the blessed power of His Word, that we may speak with conviction and assurance, with healing comfort and love, to those whom we meet in our daily walk and conversation, in the home and on the job, in school and church, and to those sitting in the darkness and in the shadow of death. Give us Jesus' sympathy and friendship that we may place ourselves beneath the burdens of others and sharing with them the strength which alone comes from You, may we together with them endure and not lose heart. Give us Your Son's peace which is the blessing to hearts firmly set in You and to life and service consecrated to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Morning

O everlasting Jesus, who in the early morning gave Yourself to be reviled and scoffed at by Your enemies, visit us at this hour, we pray, with Your grace and mercy that throughout the day we

may find peace and joy in all that serves to Your praise and glory, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit †
be with us all. Amen.