

**Psalms, Readings, Recitations, and Hymns for The Office of Matins
Saturday in the Week of Laetare: The Fourth Sunday in Holy Lent
April 2, 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

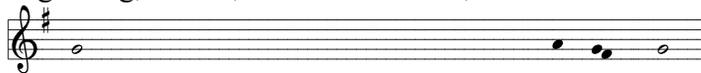
O Lord, open my lips.

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.

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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 44

Tone 4



Antiphon

Arise `for our *help*,/ And redeem us for `Your mercies' sake.

Psalm

We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fath`ers have told us,/ The deeds You did in their days,
`In days of old:

² You drove out the nations with Your hand, But `them You planted;/ You afflicted the peoples,
`and cast them out.

³ For they did not gain possession of the land `by their own sword,/ Nor did their `own arm save
them;

But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of `Your countenance,/ Because `You favored
them.

⁴ You are `my King, O God;/ Command victor`ies for Jacob.

⁵ Through You we will push down `our enemies;/ Through Your name we will trample those who
rise `up against us.

⁶ For I will not `trust in my bow,/ Nor shall `my sword save me.

⁷ But You have saved us from `our enemies,/ And have put to shame those `who hated us.
⁸ In God we `boast all day long,/ And praise Your `name forever.
⁹ But You have cast us off and `put us to shame,/ And You do not go out `with our armies.
¹⁰ You make us turn back from `the enemy,/ And those who hate us have taken `spoil for themselves.
¹¹ You have given us up like sheep in`tended for food,/ And have scattered us a`mong the nations.
¹² You sell Your people for `next to nothing,/ And are not enriched `by selling them.
¹³ You make us a reproach `to our neighbors,/ A scorn and a derision to those `all around us.
¹⁴ You make us a byword a`mong the nations,/ A shaking of the head a`mong the peoples.
¹⁵ My dishonor is continual`ly before me,/ And the shame of my face `has covered me,
¹⁶ Because of the voice of him who reproach`es and reviles,/ Because of the enemy and `the avenger.
¹⁷ All this has `come upon us;/ But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with `Your covenant.
¹⁸ Our heart `has not turned back,/ Nor have our steps depart`ed from Your way;
¹⁹ But You have severely broken us in the `place of jackals,/ And covered us with the `shadow of death.
²⁰ If we had forgotten the `name of our God,/ Or stretched out our hands to `a foreign god,
²¹ Would not God `search this *out*?/ For He knows the se`crets of the heart.
²² Yet for Your sake we are `killed all day long;/ We are accounted as sheep `for the slaughter.
²³ Awake! Why do `You sleep, O Lord?/ Arise! Do not cast us `off forever.
²⁴ Why do `You hide Your face,/ And forget our affliction and `our oppression?
²⁵ For our soul is bowed `down to the dust;/ Our body `clings to the ground.
²⁶ Arise `for our *help*,/ And redeem us for `Your mercies' sake.

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.*

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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 49:29 – 50:7, 14-26*

29 Then he charged them and said to them: “I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite, **30** in the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place. **31** There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah. **32** The field and the cave that *is* there *were* purchased from the sons of Heth.” **33** And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him, and kissed him. **2** And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. **3** Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those who are embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned^[a] for him seventy days.

4 Now when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying, **5** ‘My father made me swear, saying, “Behold, I am dying; in my grave which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.” Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will come back.’ ”

6 And Pharaoh said, “Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear.”

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

14 And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father.

15 When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may ^[a]actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.” **16** So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, “Before your father died he commanded, saying, **17** ‘Thus you shall say to Joseph: “I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.” ’ Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, *we are* your servants.”

19 Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? **20** But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. **21** Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke ^[b]kindly to them.

22 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father’s household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. **23** Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third *generation*. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph’s knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” **25** Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, “God will surely ^[c]visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” **26** So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Saturday Canticle: *Audite Coeli (Song of Moses) – Deuteronomy 32*

Tone 4



Antiphon

I will sing praise to Your `name forever,/ that I may daily `perform my vows.

Canticle

“Give ear, O heavens, `and I will speak;/ And hear, O earth, the `words of my mouth.

²Let my teaching `drop as the rain,/ My speech di`still as the dew,

As raindrops on `the tender herb,/ And as show`ers on the grass.

³For I proclaim the `name of the LORD:/ Ascribe great`ness to our God.

⁴He `is the *Rock*,/ His `work is perfect;

For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and with`out injustice;/ Righteous and `upright is He.

⁹For the LORD’s portion `is His people;/ Jacob is the place of His `inheritance.

³⁶“For the LORD will `judge His people/ And have compassion `on His servants,

When He sees that their `power is gone,/ And there is no one remain`ing, bond or free.

⁴⁰For I raise My `hand to heaven,/ And say, “As I `live forever,

⁴³“Rejoice, O Gentiles, `with His people;/ For He will avenge the blood `of His servants,

And render vengeance to His `adversaries;/ He will provide atonement for His land `and His people.”

Gloria Patri

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Second Lection: *St. Mark 14:1-11*

After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by [a]trickery and put *Him* to death. **2** But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people.”

3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly [b]oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head. **4** But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? **5** For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized[c] her sharply.

6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. **7** For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. **8** She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. **9** Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. **11** And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

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Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Devotional Reading

Hymn: *291, Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light, sts. 1, 9-14*

Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely by my sins oppressed.

Thy cross let be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife;
The winding sheet that covered Thee,
O let it be a shroud for me.

Lord, in Thy nail prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heav'n, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.

And when the last Great Day shall come
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light
And set me then upon Thy right.

Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

Ah, then shall I most joyful be
And with the angels sing to Thee
And with Thy blessed, chosen fold
Fore'er Thy gracious face behold.

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

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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

Lord Jesus Christ, Your body was anointed with holy oil by the woman at the house of Simon the leper to prepare it for burial. May Your Church continue to take care of Your Body as she feeds Your people the holy food of Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins; in Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

For Preparation for Divine Worship

O God, most High and most Holy; of Whom, and through Whom, and to Whom are all things; Whose glory no one can approach, and Yet Who has deigned to tabernacle with men in an earthly house, where You welcome all who seek You: We implore You, fill all those who will present themselves in the gathering together of Your people on the weekly Day of Rest with humble reverence for You and for all that belongs to Your holy Name – Your house, Your worship, Your Word and Your Sacraments. Pardon our unworthiness; enable us to present ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Let our praises and prayers, as the smell of sweet incense, come before You, so that we may rejoice in Your Presence here; and learning in these Your sacred courts to be more and more holy in heart and life, may we at last be counted worthy to enter Your temple above and to live in Your Presence for evermore; 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.