



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Vespers of Lent

+ March 25, 2020 +

# VESPERS

## “Murderous Eyes”

*The congregation enters the church in silence*

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### PSALM: IN DOMINO CONFIDO

*Psalm 10:1-12; Ant. Psalm 10:12*

- L** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.
- C** **Why, O LORD, do You stand afar off?  
Why do You hide yourself in times of trouble?**
- L** In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;  
let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- C** **For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,  
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.  
In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him;  
all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”**
- L** His ways prosper at all times;  
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;  
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- C** **He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.”**
- L** His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- C** **He sits in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places he murders the innocent.  
His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;**
- L** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;  
he lurks that he may seize the poor;  
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
- C** **The helpless are crushed,  
sink down, and fall by his might.**
- L** He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,  
He has hidden His face, He will never see it.”
- 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.**
- L** Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.

### OFFICE HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended

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### FIRST READING

*Job 24:13-17*

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

**SECOND READING**

*1 John 3:11-15*

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

**THIRD READING**

*Matthew 23:29-36*

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

**FOURTH READING**

*Mark 14:1, 53-65*

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

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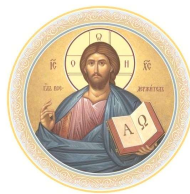
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**CLOSING HYMN**

**God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven**

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