



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST VESPERS IN LENT

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“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

WELCOME:

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father
and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we
may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Luther’s Small Catechism

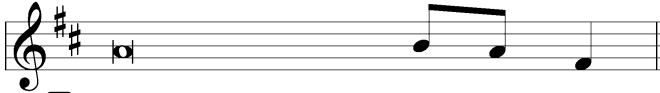
VESPERS

Please enter in silence for meditation and reflection. Cantors sing the litany.

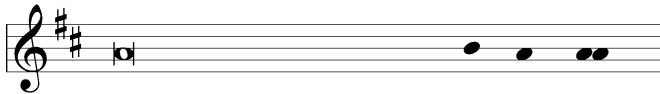
Please stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALM: CONSERVA ME, DOMINE

Psalm 16



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.

**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find | refuge;*
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.**

You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,

**nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,*
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.

**You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

**On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

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FIRST READING

Galatians 4:3-7

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

John 20:16-18

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

RESPONSORY

Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 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

- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

Please be seated

SERMON

Our Father

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

- C** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav - ior;

- I** for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



II For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



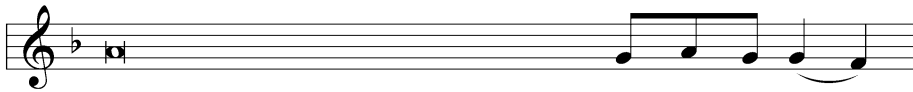
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy

COLLECTS

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

L Our Father, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 AND BENEDICTION

Psalm 103:1



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN**Our Father Who from Heav'n Above****#766, St. 1, 9**

1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
 live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly
 And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no
 thought - less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
 Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
 Thus in Your name and at Your Word
 We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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