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Fifth Midweek Lenten Service

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He Holds the Key to Heaven

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“Repent! Turn to Jesus”

Order of Service, Vespers (p. 120)

~**Hymn 443 *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices***

~**Confession of Sin** (p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** (pp. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ 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.

~Psalmody -- Psalm 85

(read responsively)

P: You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C: You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

P: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

C: Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

P: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

C: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

P: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.

P: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

C: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

C: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

P: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

ALL: 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, forever more. Amen.

~The Passion History #4 – *“Jesus Before Pilate”*

~Responsory (p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Hymn 301 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

~Sermon Text

Luke 23:35-43 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.” And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we

receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

~Sermon Theme

"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven"

~Hymn 580 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

~Offering & Handbell Choir: "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*" Larson

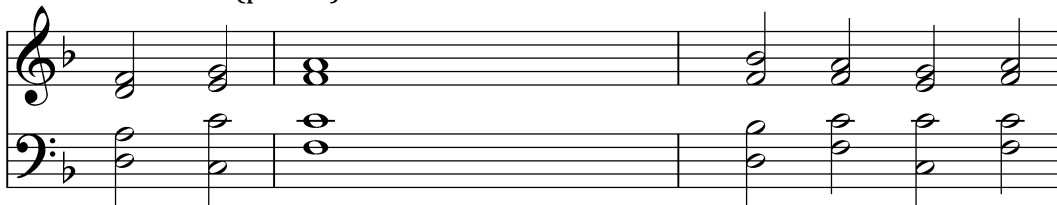
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~Versicle (p. 122)

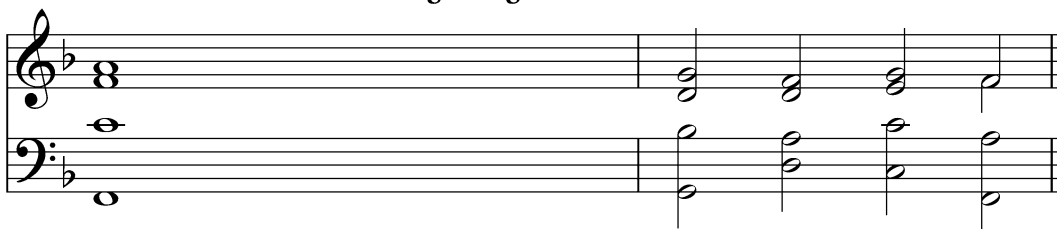
P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

C: ♪ **And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Nunc Dimittis (p. 124)



1. Lord, now You let Your servant de- part in peace:
2. For my eyes have seen Your Sal- va- tion:
- >3. A Light to light- en the Gen- tiles:
4. Glo- ry be to the Father and to the Son
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be:



1. accord- ing to Your Word;
2. which You have prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
- >3. and the glory of Your peo- ple Isra- el.
4. and to the Ho- ly Ghost.
5. forev- er- more. A- men.

~Kyrie (p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 125)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Collect** (pp. 126-127, form II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benedicamus** (p. 127)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** (p. 127)

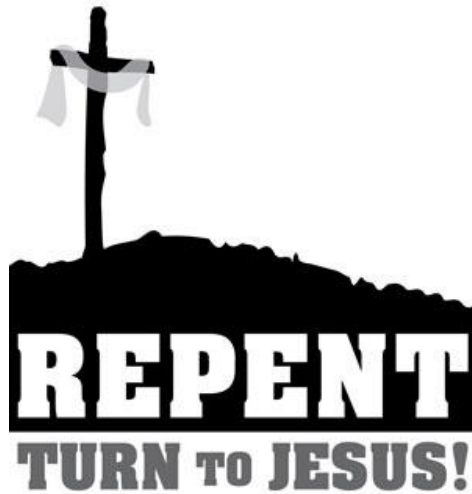
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Hymn 565 *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night***

Preacher: Pastor Tim Hartwig (Peace)/ Pianist: John Baumann

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

Wednesday, April 5th Vicar Wolf Parsons – Matthew 27:1-5
Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away

Holy Week Services April 9th-16th

April 9th, 8:30 & 10:45AM: Palm Sunday—Pr. John J. Petersen

"Is Jesus Worth It?" Philippians 3:7-9

April 13th, 6:30PM: Maundy Thursday—Pr. John J. Petersen

*"REPENT: Turn to Jesus and Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness"
1 Corinthians 11:23-28*

April 14th, 6:30PM: Good Friday—Pr. Luke Ulrich

"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation" John 19:17-30

April 16th, 7:30 & 10AM: Easter Sunday—Pr. Luke Ulrich

"Repent: Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life" Luke 24:1-8