

LENT VESPERS



SEVEN LAST WORDS by MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

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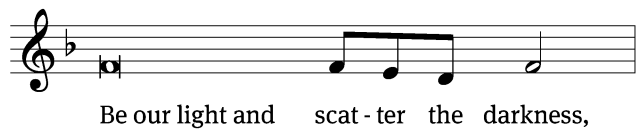
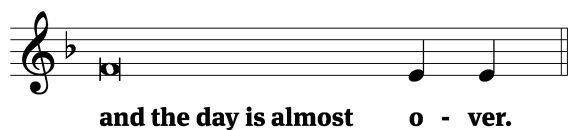
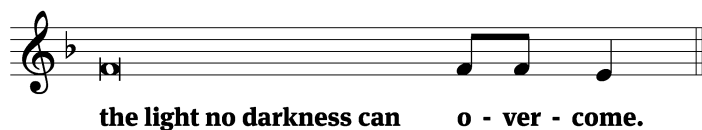
CHAPEL OF
THE CHRIST

Lent Vespers

Preservice Music

Procession

As the handbell sounds the tone for the opening sentences, stand and face the processional candle, which represents Christ, the light of the world.



Hymn of Light



2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Be seated

Psalm 141



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Prayer

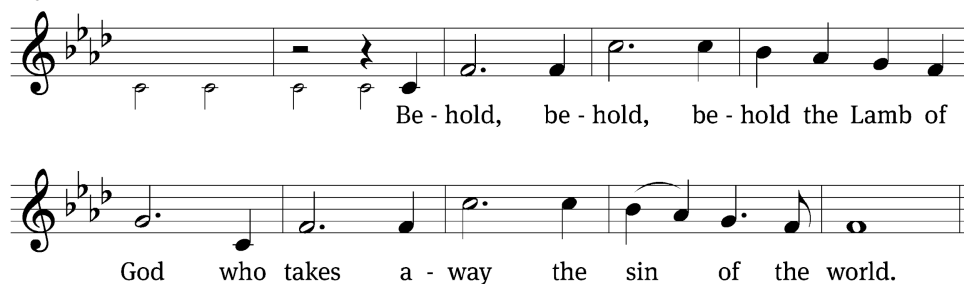
Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

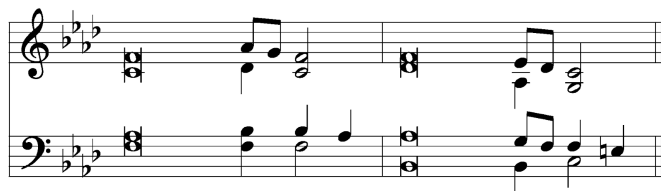
Psalm

Behold the Lamb of God (Psalm 22C)

Refrain



Tone



My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?
Why are you so far from / saving me?
I am a worm and / not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.
All who see me / mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.
“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD / rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he de- / lights in him.” *Refrain*

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof / of my mouth;
you lay me in the / dust of death.
A pack of villains en- / circles me;
they pierce my hands / and my feet.
They divide my clothes a- / mong them
and cast lots for my / garment. *Refrain*

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.
I will declare your name to my / people;
in the assembly I will / praise you.
All the ends of the earth will remember and turn / to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations will bow down be- / fore him.
They will proclaim his / righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn: He has / done it!
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. *Refrain*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me."

Amen.

Reading

Galatians 3:10-13

¹⁰For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." ¹¹Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them."

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (CW 419)



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap - point - ed
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,
time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -
left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of
did his work and met his death; like a lamb he
none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the
now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.
in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

Seven Last Words

Michael John Trotta

I. Father, Forgive Them

“Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do.”

II. Today, You Will Be With Me

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”
Remember me when you come into your kingdom.
O Lord, hear me!

III. Behold Your Son

“Behold your son.”
At the cross, her station keeping,
Stood mournful mother weeping.
“Son, behold your mother.”

IV. My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me

“My God, why have you abandoned me?”

V. I Thirst

“I thirst!”
If you are Christ, come down from the cross,
that we might see and believe.
If you are King, save yourself,
that we might see and believe.

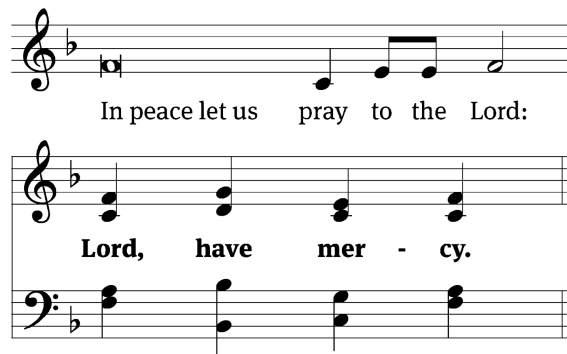
VI. Into Your Hands I Surrender My Soul

“Into your hands I surrender my whole soul.”
Not mine, but your will be done.

VII. It Is Finished

And with a loud voice, Jesus cried, exclaiming,
“It is finished!”
Darkened was the sun,
darkness covered the earth;
torn was the veil;
the earth did quake.
All of the graves were opened wide!
Truly this man was the Son of God.

Lord, Have Mercy



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the
Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

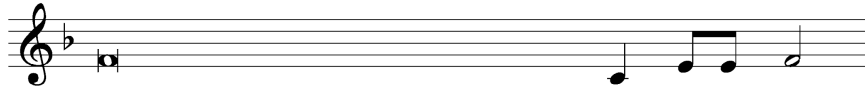
For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and
strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us
pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

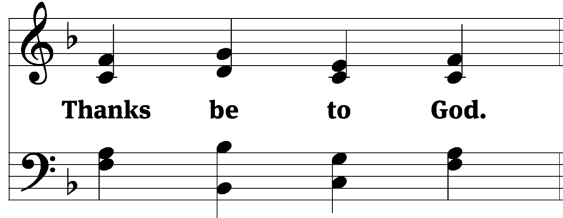
For those who bring offerings, those who do good works on this campus, those who toil, those
who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us
pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

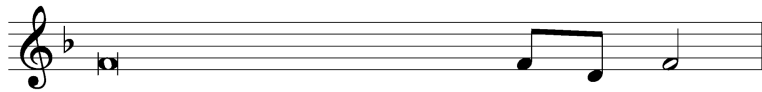
For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.



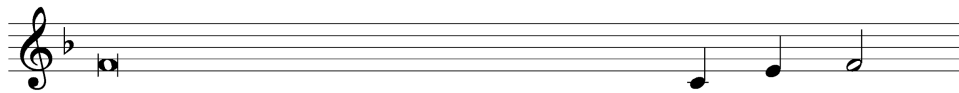
For the faithful who have gone before us
and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our Lord:



to you, O Lord.

Prayer

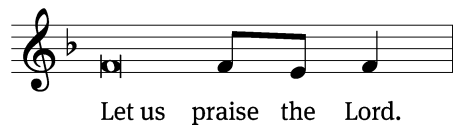
Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus



Blessing



Be seated

Closing Hymn

Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor (CW 437)



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
 2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
 3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we
 4 As, through part - ing Red Sea wa - ters, Is - rael



in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
 hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
 wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is
 marched to lib - er - ty, so we pass thro' bap-tism's



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
 mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
 pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.
 wa - ter, washed by grace, from sin set free.



Pi - late's guards stand watch-ing, wait - ing where they
 Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
 Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es
 Je - sus, ris - en, liv - ing, reign - ing now and



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
 you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
 bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for
 through e - ter - ni - ty: grant that, through your life un -



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
 guards you will not let your death be vain.
 morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.
 dy - ing, we may live vic - to - rious - ly.

Service Participants

Presiding Minister	Jacob Behnken
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Organist	Kathryn Carlovsky
Chorale / Women's Choir	Jon Hermanson
Männerchor	Adrian Smith
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Oboe	Ella Wurster
Trumpet	Jason Horn, Katie Rosenau
Horn	Katie Ungemach
Trombone	Micah Schibbelhut, Maria Vik
Timpani	Natalie Baye
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