

LENT MIDWEEK 3

February 28, 2024

11:00am



As We Gather – “The Ears of Christ”

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Our God loves us so much, He physically entered our world to save us. Throughout our Wednesdays in Lent, we will have a series of services to help us take the time to consider our Lord’s humanity and how He used the human body to save us. Each week, we will have responsive verses from God’s Word, Scripture readings, songs, and prayers to focus our attention on: the HEART of Christ, the EYES of Christ, the EARS of Christ, the MOUTH of Christ, the FEET of Christ, and the HANDS of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING VERSICLES

LSB 219

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 Fa-ther 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

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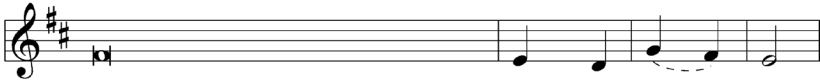
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L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE

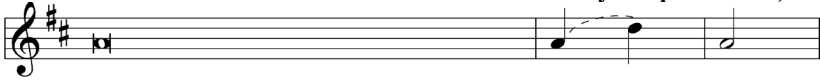
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C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

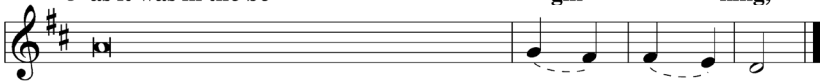


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - - gin - - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.



☐ Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



☐ O come, let us wor - ship Him.

OFFICE HYMN (*Tune, LSB 527*)

Lord Jesus, you draw near us In garb of human flesh,
 An earthly form, to cheer us, To kindle faith afresh.
 Your body for us broken On the accursed tree
 Becomes a sacred token Of glory yet to be.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
 C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Tune, LSB 527*)

Bend down your ear, O Savior, And hear our urgent cry.
 Assure us of your favor, And to our need draw nigh.
 O Word-made-flesh, forever Your name shall be adored.
 Oh, let us cherish ever The ears of Christ, our Lord.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING, 2 Samuel 22:2-7

He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. "For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING, James 1:19-25

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

C **O Lord, in mercy bend your ear to hear my urgent cry.**

P Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you! Incline your ear to me, answer me speedily in the day when I call!

C **In time of trouble turn and hear; with saving love draw nigh.**

GOSPEL READING, Mark 7:31-37

[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN, LSB 831

“How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard”



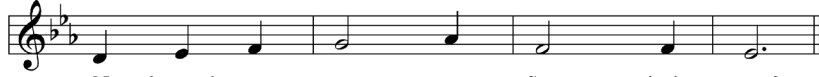
1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
 2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place,
 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow’r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

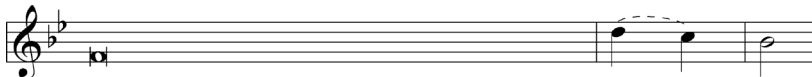
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SERMON, “The Ears of Christ”

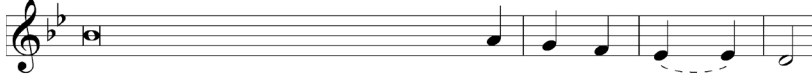
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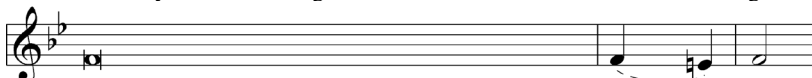
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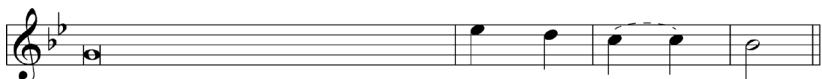
1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



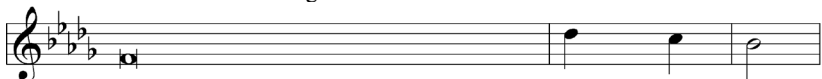
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



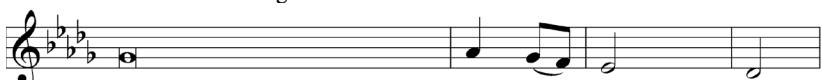
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow’rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



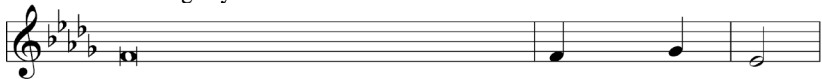
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



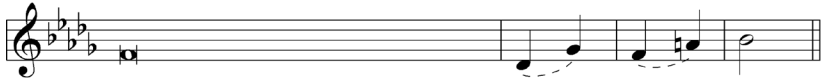
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



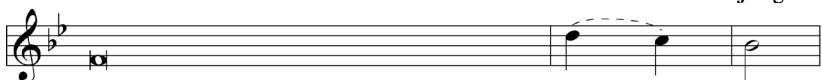
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



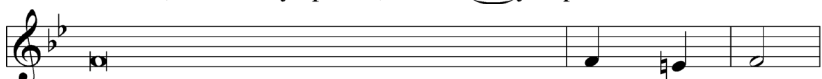
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be— our— judge.



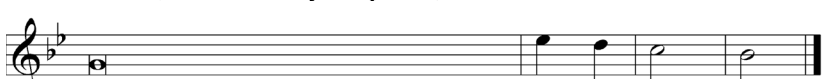
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on— us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. >



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

OFFERING

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

- P Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.
For the leaders of all nations, that their ears may hear the cries of their people for justice, peace and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For your body, the church, that it may raise to your ears continual praise, in the sound of many tongues, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For our congregations, that we may hear with your ears of mercy the cries of those who are in distress, and speak to them your word of hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For the poor and the hungry, that their need will be the sound of opportunity for those who can serve them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For the sick (especially ...), that their prayers for health will come speedily to your merciful ears, for you are compassionate towards those who call upon you, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN (*Tune LSB 527*)

**The ears of Christ, our brother, That hear from heav'n above,
Move us to hear each other With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving, Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living The Body of the Lord.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord hear you and comfort you.
The Lord be with you always and give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART, LSB 878, stanzas 1, 6

“Abide With Me”



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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