

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Wednesday - Lent 5

HIS FINAL STEPS

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Please stand.

Opening Sentences

CW 215

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

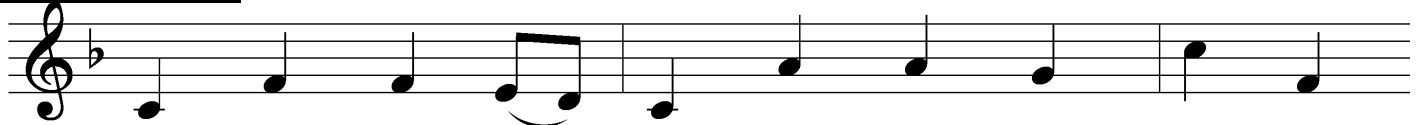
M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

C: and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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Hymn of Light

CW 216



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
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.

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M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

Psalm 141

CW 217



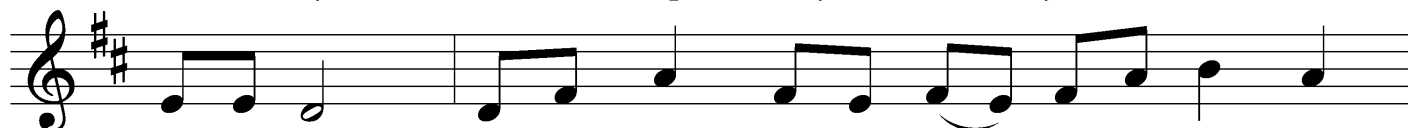
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



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.

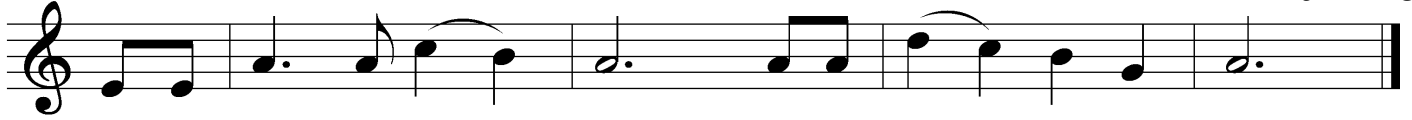
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M: Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 84E

Let Us Go Rejoicing



Refrain Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the LORD.



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
LORD Al- / mighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts / of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the / living God.
Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.
**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***

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Psalm Prayer

M: Almighty God, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage, we may so treasure your Word and sacraments that, being nourished in faith, we may one day dwell in the courts of heaven to praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passion History Reading

St. Matthew 27:27-44



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
 would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
 he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
 With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
 road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
 Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
 Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
 and gently laid in manger-trough,
 he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
 and wrapped again for me.

6 What grace is this? How can it be?
 He wears this raw humility
 to lift me to eternity.
 Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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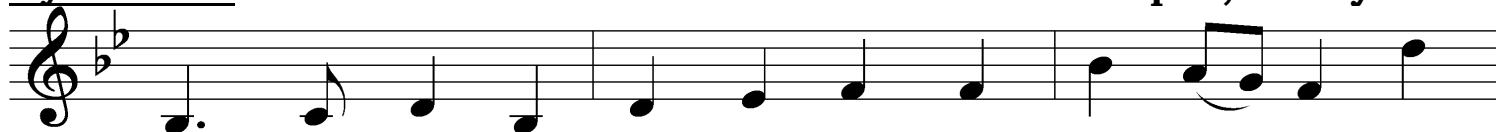
St. Matthew 21:12-17

Sermon

His Final Steps Led to His Father's House

Hymn #912

Open, Lovely Doors



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me



house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence



more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,



glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

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Please stand.

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: 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:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: 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:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: 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:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

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

C: to you, O Lord.

Special prayers or intercessions may follow.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

Closing Hymn #795

The Day You Gave Us Lord, Is Ended



1 The day you gave us, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank you that your Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o - ver con - ti - nent and is - land each dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord! Your throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud



falls at your re - quest; to you our morn - ing
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her
to an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is
em - pires, pass a - way; your king - dom stands and



hymns as - cend - ed, your praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
watch is keep - ing and nev - er rests by day or night.
nev - er si - lent, nor do the prais - es die a - way.
grows for - ev - er un - til there dawns your glo - rious day.

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