

# LENT EVENING PRAYER

Wednesday of *Laetare*

April 2, 2025 T 6:30 PM



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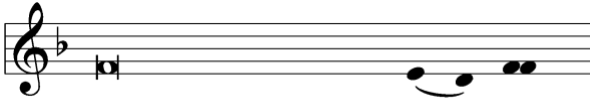
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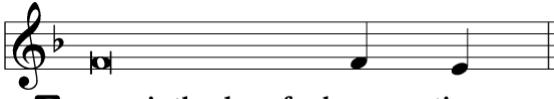
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The service of Evening Prayer is followed on page 243 in the hymnal, with the below elements inserted at the appropriate places.

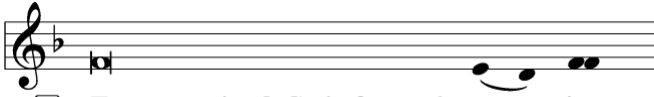
### Opening Versicles (Lent)



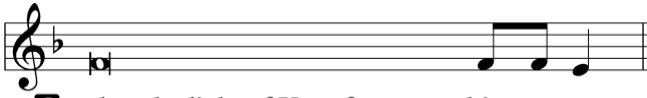
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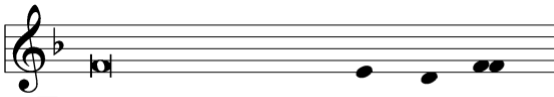
**C** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



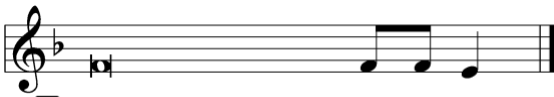
**L** Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.



**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.

The service continues with the Phos Hilaron on page 244.

### Additional Psalm:

Song of Jonah (sung responsively)

Jonah 2:2-9; LSB 985

The first time the Refrain is sung by the cantor, then repeated by the congregation.



I called out to the LORD, and He



an - swered me, and He an - swered me.



<sup>1</sup> I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He | answered me;\*  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You | heard my voice.

**<sup>2</sup> For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and  
the flood sur- | rounded me;\*  
all Your waves and Your billows passed | over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Then I said, “I am driven away | from Your sight;\*  
yet I shall again look upon Your holy | temple.”

***Refrain***

<sup>4</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep  
sur- | rounded me;\*  
weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of  
the | mountains.

**<sup>5</sup> I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for- | ever;\*  
yet You brought up my life from the pit, O- | Lord my God.**

<sup>6</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered | the Lord,\*  
and my prayer came to You, into Your holy | temple.

***Refrain***

<sup>7</sup> Those who pay regard to vain | idols\*  
forsake their hope of | steadfast love.

**<sup>8</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to You; what I  
have vowed | I will pay.\*  
Salvation belongs | to the Lord!**

**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***

Office Hymn: “As Surely as I Live,” *God Said* ..... 614

**Reading**

*Jonah 3*

L A reading from Jonah, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according

to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup>The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup>but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

*The service continues with the Magnificat on page 248.*

**Closing Hymn: *Abide with Me* ..... 878**  
*(stanza four – acapella)*

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Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Andrew Herzberg

Organist/Cantor: Peter Eckardt

Elders: Kevin Lange & Scott Harris

***About the Cover:*** The Latin inscription above—*Ionas jubetur predicare Ninivitis*—translates to "Jonah is commanded to preach to the Ninevites," and the German words at the bottom—*Da Jona eine Tagreise hinein gieng in Nineveh prediget er die Buße*—refer to Jonah 3:4 and read, "When Jonah went a day's journey into Nineveh, he preached repentance."

This picture comes from Christoph Weigel's 1695 pictorial Bible, *Biblia Ectypa*. Note how even the king has fallen to his knees in repentance.