

# Vespers for the week of Laetare - Lent 4

*The Lutheran Hymnal, p.41*

Hymn

*O Christ, You Are the Day and Light (see insert)*

Stand

Versicles and Responses

*p.41 (no Hallelujah after Gloria Patri)*

The Psalmody

*Psalm 139*

Antiphon:



**P** Behold, now is the ac- | cepted time:  
Behold, now is the day | of salva- -tion.

*The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.*

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.**

You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

**For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**

You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

**Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.**

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

**I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.**

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,

**And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

**And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

**If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.**

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

**For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.**

Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

**I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

**And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.**

**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, world without end. Amen.**

*Antiphon:*



**P** Behold, now is the ac- | cepted time:

**C** Behold, now is the day | of salva- -tion.

*Sit*

**First Lesson**

*Deuteronomy 11:1-32*

*After each Lesson:*

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



**R** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

**Second Lesson**

*Matthew 26:36-75*

**Responsory**

**P** He was brought as a lamb to the | slaught- -er,

**C** He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He | opened not His mouth.

- P** He was delivered | up to death  
**C** **That He might | give His people life.**  
**P** In Salem also | is His tent,  
**C** **And His | dwelling place in Zion.**  
**P** He was delivered | up to death  
**C** **That He might | give His people life.**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
**C** **And | to the Holy Ghost.**  
**P** He was delivered | up to death  
**C** **That He might | give His people life.**

*Hymn*

*TLH #152 – When O'er My Sins I Sorrow*

*The Sermon*

*Stand*

*Versicle and Response*

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*The Canticle*

*The Nunc Dimittis, p.43-44*

*The Antiphon*



- P** Behold, now is the ac- | cepted time:  
**C** **Behold, now is the day | of salva- -tion.**

*The Prayers*

*The Evening Suffrages*

- V** O Lord,  
**R** **Have mer- | cy upon \_\_ us.**  
**V** O Christ,  
**R** **Have mer- | cy upon \_\_ us.**  
**V** O Lord,  
**R** **Have mer- | cy upon \_\_ us.**

**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.**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living**

**and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**V** Blessed are You, O Lord God of our | fathers:

**R** **And greatly to be praised and glori- | fied forev- -er.**

**V** Let us bless the Father and the Son and the | Holy Spirit:

**R** **We praise and magnify | Him forev- -er.**

**V** Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven:

**R** **And greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exal- | ted forev- -er.**

**V** The almighty and merciful Lord bless and pre- | serve us.

**R** **A- | - men\_.**

**V** Grant us Your favor, O Lord, | this night:

**R** **To keep | us without \_ sin.**

**V** O Lord, have mercy up- | on us:

**R** **Have mer- | cy upon \_ us.**

**V** O Lord, let Your mercy be up- | on us:

**R** **As | our trust is in You.**

**V** Hear my | prayer, O Lord:

**R** **And let my | cry come unto You.**

### The Salutation & Collects

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*After the Salutation, the Collect for the Day is spoken, followed by the Collect below, the Versicle, and the Collect for Peace.*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live. We implore You graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve You in holiness and purity of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**



**V** Christ was wounded for our trans- | gressions:

**R** **He was bruised for | our iniquities.**

### The Benedicamus and The Benediction

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