

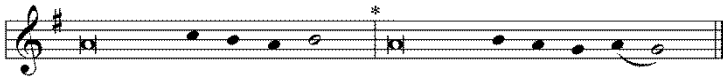
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Oculi – 3rd Sunday in Lent
“My eyes are ever toward the Lord”
March 12, 2023

THE INTROIT *(after the Confession & Absolution)*

Psalm 25:15-16; Psalm 25:1

- P** *(Antiphon)* MY EYES are ev- | er toward the Lord, *
For He shall pluck my feet | out of the net.
Turn Yourself to me, and have | mercy on me, *
For I am desolate | and afflicted.



- C** To You, O Lord, I | lift up my soul. *
O my God, I trust in You; let me | not be ashamed;



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spirit; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

- P** *(Antiphon)*

THE GRADUAL & TRACT *(after Epistle)*

Ps. 9:19, 3; 123:1, 3a

- P** Arise, O Lord, do not | let man prevail; *
Let the nations be | judged in Your sight.
- C** When my en- | emies turn back, *
They shall fall and perish | at Your presence.
- P** Unto You I | lift up my eyes, *
O You who dwell | in the heavens.
- C** Have mercy | on us, O Lord, *
have | mercy on us!

Let Me Now with Gladness Say It

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Erdmann Neumeister, d. 1756

Tr. Paul A. Rydecki, 2020

Baptized Christian

1 Let me now with glad-ness say it: I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
2 Now no sin shall make me fear-ful. I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
3 Sa - tan, hear, I now de - cry you! I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!

And though sight may not con-vey it, I'm one of God's chil - dren.
Now my heart is ev - er cheer-ful, Safe in this con - vic - tion:
With this truth I can de - fy you, Greet you with de - ri - sion.

How could all earth's rich - es cheer me When I have this trea-sure near me
I, from guilt and shame un - end - ing, By Bap - ti - sm's ho - ly cleans - ing
Now that I've come to Bap - ti - sm, Vain is all your cri - ti - ci - sm.

Which from death de - liv - ers me, And saves me e - ter - nal - ly?
Have been par - doned and set free, For Christ's blood has sprink - led me.
God's own co - ve - nant makes me Free from your dread ty - ran - ny.

4 When I'm dying I'll declare it:
I'm a baptized Christian!
For I know I'll soon inherit
All the joys of heaven.
Though my flesh in dust is waiting,
I'm in faith anticipating
That Baptism's pow'r divine,
Shall restore this flesh of mine.

5 Such a blessing must provide me
Comfort while I'm living.
And when death is right beside me,
Hope to me it's giving.
Though my heart and eyes are waning,
Still my soul shall be proclaiming:
I'm baptized! With Christ I'm dressed!
I am now forever blessed!

from the *Small Catechism*: Lord's Prayer: Second Petition

Thy Kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

from the *Large Catechism*: The Lord's Prayer, Second Petition

"But what is God's kingdom?"

Answer, "Nothing other than what we learned in the Creed: God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, into the world to redeem and deliver us from the devil's power. He sent Him to bring us to Himself and to govern us as a King of righteousness, life, and salvation against sin, death, and an evil conscience. For this reason He has also given His Holy Spirit, who is to bring these things home to us by His holy Word and to illumine and strengthen us in the faith by His power."

We pray here in the first place that this may happen with us. We pray that His name may be so praised through God's holy Word and a Christian life that we who have accepted it may abide and daily grow in it, and that it may gain approval and acceptance among other people. We pray that it may go forth with power throughout the world. We pray that many may find entrance into the kingdom of grace, be made partakers of redemption, and be led to it by the Holy Spirit, so that we may all together remain forever in the one kingdom now begun.

For the coming of God's kingdom to us happens in two ways: (a) here in time through the Word and faith; and (b) in eternity forever through revelation. Now we pray for both these things. We pray that the kingdom may come to those who are not yet in it, and, by daily growth that it may come to us who have received it, both now and hereafter in eternal life. All this is nothing other than saying, "Dear Father, we pray, give us first Your Word, so that the Gospel may be preached properly throughout the world. Second, may the Gospel be received in faith and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the Holy Spirit's power, Your kingdom may triumph among us. And we pray that the devil's kingdom be put down, so that he may have no right or power over us, until at last his power may be utterly destroyed. So sin, death, and hell shall be exterminated. Then we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness."

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #263 - O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

HYMN *(after the Creed)*

Let Me Now with Gladness Say It (inside page)

HYMN *(after General Prayer)*

TLH #446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #315 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & NEXT

March 17 Tom S.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Mar. 15 - Lenten Supper, 5:45 PM
- Lenten Vespers, 6:30 PM
- Sun., Mar. 19 - Bible class/Sunday school, 9 AM
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Lent 4 – *Laetare*)