LENTEN VESPERS

March 24, 2021

As we turn on lamps at dusk, we greet the evening by welcoming God to abide with us anew.

Hymn *Bless the Lord, my Soul (in back of bulletin)*

Opening
Create in me a clean heart O God:
and renew a right spirit within me. *Psalm 51:10*

Prayer

Holy God, in love you created us and called our being "good." With open hearts, we praise you for your unfailing love. With open hands, we offer you our labors. Bless and guide us now as our day turns toward evening; through your grace, may we share with others the love we receive from you. In the name of God our Creator, Jesus our brother, and the Spirit who lights our way.
Amen.

Scripture: **Hebrews 3: 1-6**
Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Music Interlude: *Melodie #1* César Franck

A Lenten Meditation on an Ordinary Thing Peter Antich

Prayers

For all we have accomplished this day,
we bless God's name.
For now, when we turn from labor to home,
we bless God's name.
For those tasks we left undone this day,
we invite God's love.

For those wounds we gave or received this day,
we invite God's love.
For our hopes and concerns for tomorrow,
we invite God's love.
For the gift of our presence this hour,
we seek God's grace.
For trust that God's love is all we need,
we seek God's grace.

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

For these praises and preoccupations of our hearts,
we find our hope in God.

Lord's Prayer

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Holy One, we bless your name and thank you for the gift of this day:
May the Light of the world guide us, the Life of the world refresh us, and
the Hope of the world be our companion, that we may be the reconciling power
of Christ in the world.
Amen.

Benediction

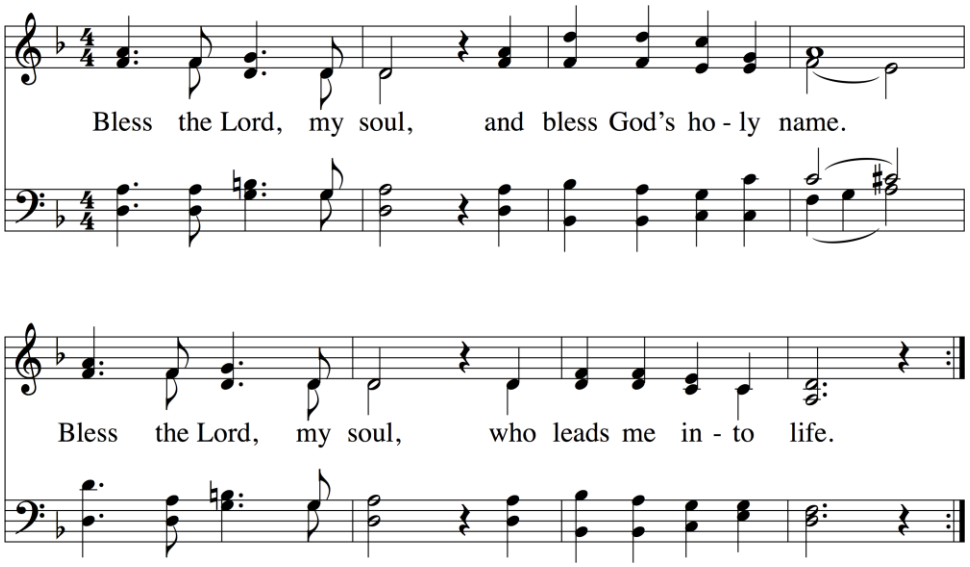
May you, God, bless us and guard us.
May you make your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May you lift up your face upon us and give us Shalom.

Hymn 43 *O Praise to Thee, my God, this Night (back of bulletin)*

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Bless the Lord

Ostinato Refrain



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This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

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