

Holden Evening Prayer
March 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
The Reverend Henrik Sonntag, Pastor
Rae Ann Anderson, Director of Music
Celia O'Leary, Cantor

Service of Light

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Procession
Evening Hymn
Evening Thanksgiving
Psalm Prayer
Psalm 42
The Lectern Side-Part 1; the Pulpit side- Part 2

Service of Light & Word







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2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES Psalm 141













(Silence for meditation)

Leader:

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen

(Additional psalms and canticles may be sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm or canticle. A psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.)

Service of the Word

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 141

All sing the refrain. Group One (on the Lectern Side) starts the round. Group Two (on the Pulpit Side) follows.

Please be seated.

The Word: Psalm 44: 1-10, 13, 17-26

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

- 2 you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;
- 3 for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, for you delighted in them.
- 4 You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down our assailants.
- 6 For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
- 7 But you have saved us from our foes and have put to confusion those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah
- 9 Yet you have rejected us and abased us, and have not gone out with our armies.
- 10 You made us turn back from the foe, and our enemies have gotten spoil.
- 13 You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn of those around us.
- 17 All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten you, or been false to your covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way,
- 19 yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with deep darkness.
- 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God,

or spread out our hands to a strange god,

- 21 would not God discover this?

 For he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Because of you we are being killed all day long, and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O LORD? Awake, do not cast us off forever!
- 24 Why do you hide your face?
 Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?
- 25 For we sink down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, come to our help.

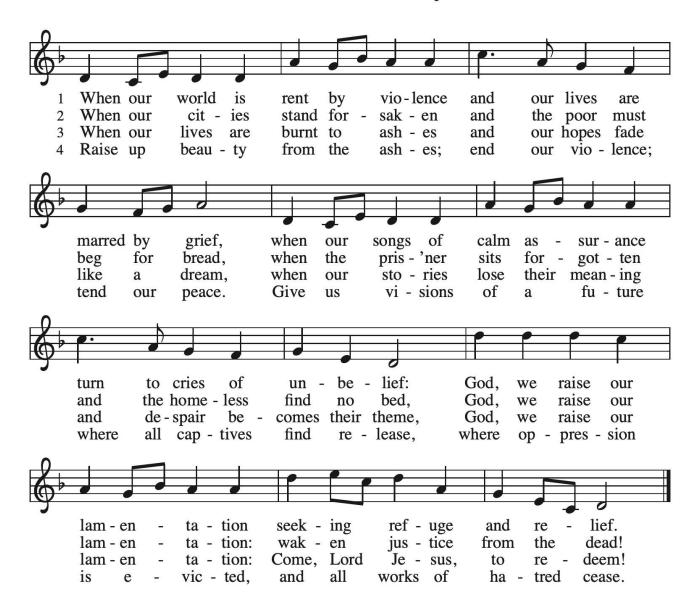
 Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

The Hymn:

No. 1052 When Our World Is Rent by Violence

Fortunatus New

When Our World Is Rent by Violence



Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Reflection and Questions:

Week of Lent 5 - March 20, 2024 - Communal Lament

This week we turn to communal lament. Sometimes disaster strikes not just one person or household but an entire community, even an entire nation. At such times we can find strength in coming together to mourn, raising our collective voices in a loud cry to God. Just as we need the support of the community when we face individual calamity, we also need one another in the face of a shared disaster. We need one another for strength, for courage, and to help us make sense of what is often senseless: destruction due to natural disaster, or destruction due to human violence.

Questions

What expressions of communal lament do you find most meaningful? How have you felt the strength of your community in times of disaster or distress?

Meditation Vicar lan Clements

The Offering Organ selection

The Offertory Prayer

Holy and merciful God, in times of distress, turn our hearts and minds toward you. Let our communal laments be signs to those around us that we worship you, a God who hears and holds our cries. As we lament together in community, may we provide space to all searching for ways to voice their own pain and grief. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Canticle, Prayers, Blessing

The Annunciation and The Magnificat Litany and Prayers Lord's Prayer (sung) Final Blessing

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Luke 1: 26-28, 30-32, 38



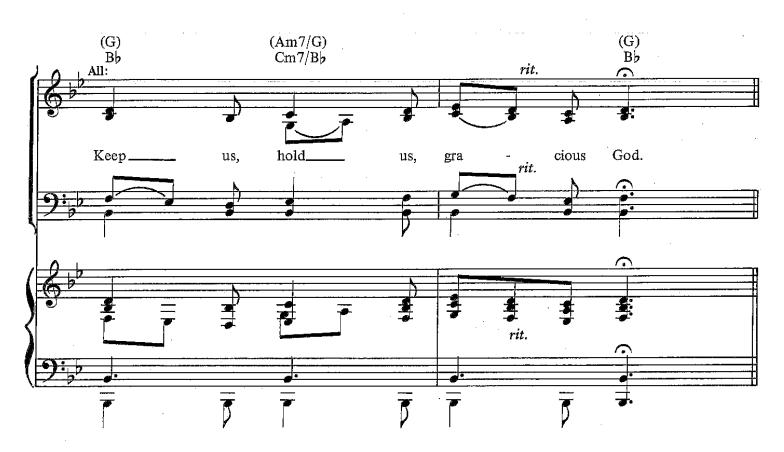












Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 forever. Amen.

The great thanksgiving concludes:



Final Blessing





All may depart in silence, or the leader may say "Go in peace", or the leader may invite all to share a sign of peace.