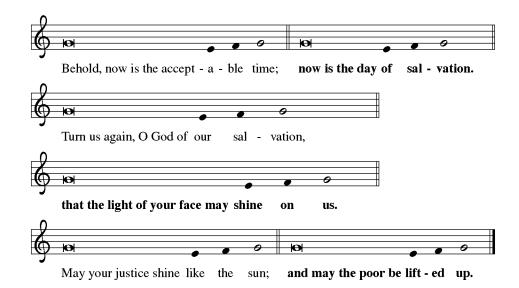


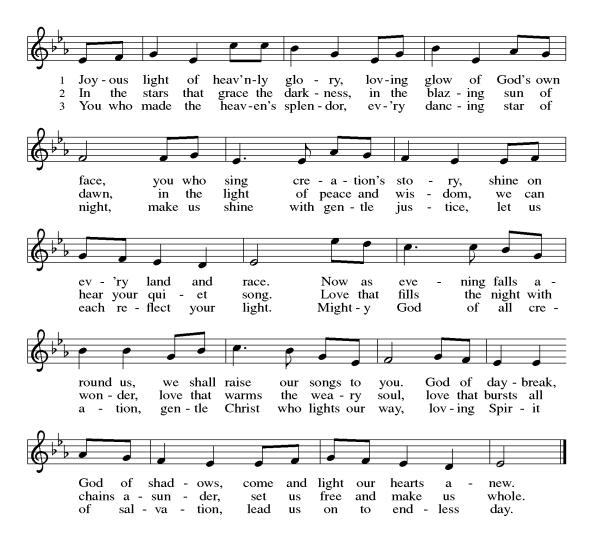
Midweek Prayer during Lent

Stand

Opening



Hymn of Light



Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen
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Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. **Amen.**

Sit

Reading

Habakkuk 1

The prophet declares, ... 20 Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

God acknowledges the problem ... 6Look, I am about to empower the Babylonians, that ruthless and greedy nation. They sweep across the surface of the earth, seizing dwelling places that do not belong to them.

The prophet declares ... You are too just to tolerate evil; you are unable to condone wrongdoing. So why do you put up with such treacherous people? Why do you say nothing when the wicked devour those more righteous than they are?

Habakkuk 2

God answers ... 12The one who builds a city by bloodshed is as good as dead - he who starts a town by unjust deeds. 13Be sure of this! The Lord who commands armies has decreed: The nations' efforts will go up in smoke; their exhausting work will be for nothing. 14For recognition of the Lord's sovereign majesty will fill the earth just as the waters fill up the sea.

Habakkuk 3

The prophet acknowledges the presence of God in his life....16c I long for the day of distress to come upon the people who attack us. When the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines; when the olive trees do not produce, and the fields yield no crops; when the sheep disappear from the pen, and there are no cattle in the stalls, I will rejoice because of the Lord; I will be happy because of the God who delivers me! The sovereign Lord is my source of strength. He gives me the agility of a deer; he enables me to negotiate the rugged terrain. Reflection

Reflection

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

Stand

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, ... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, ... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, ... let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the Church, and for all the people, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. ... **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. ... **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Silence for meditation

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.