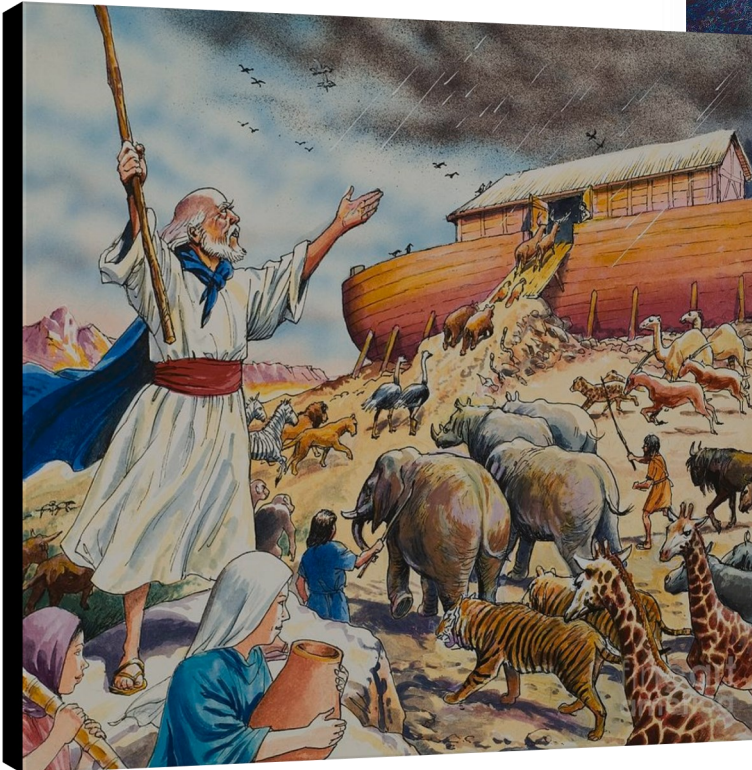


The Shadow and the Substance:

How Old Testament Individuals Point to Christ

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through the prophets,
but now, in these last days,
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Evening Prayer

Midweek Lent 2

February 28, 2024

7PM

AS WE GATHER

MIDWEEK LENT THEME

The Lenten midweek series is entitled The Shadow and the Substance — How Old Testament Individuals Point to Christ. Each week as we look at a different character from the Old Testament, we will ponder specifically how this character's life and actions point to the events of Holy Week, of Christ on the cross.

The series is based on a new hymn written by one of our seminary fieldworkers, Owen Duncan. The hymn is entitled "Before the Crowd the Most High God". Owen shares some background about this hymn below.

"The hymn we are going to use during our Wednesday and Holy Week Lenten services this year is one that I wrote especially for this sermon series. A year or so ago, a friend of mine who was on his vicarage told me that his congregation was doing a sermon series about the types of Christ (figures in the Old Testament who point us forward to Christ). He also said that they were having trouble finding a good hymn for the series, and he asked if I might be willing to write a hymn for them. Finding myself with a little time on my hands, I did.

This hymn, then, is about some of the figures in the Old Testament who point forward to Christ and how each of these figures points forward to Christ. I pray that throughout this series—and as you sing this hymn again and again—you might reflect on what the book of Hebrews reminds us of: that "In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old through the prophets, but now, in these last days, He has spoken to us through His Son." Rejoice this Lenten season over the fact that we have a God who has certainly not hidden Himself throughout the history of His people, but who has especially revealed Himself in His incarnation, when He came to this earth in human flesh and suffered and died—and rose to life—for you and for me."

WEEKLY THEME: NOAH

This week we focus on Noah and events in his life that point us to Jesus. Read the words of the Duncan hymn carefully:

Once Noah built—when rains beset—a boat which God contrived;
The waters drowned the world, and yet those in the ark survived.

So too behind a cross of wood we hide when storms arise;
For Christ has made a promise good that here salvation lies.

ATTENDANCE PADS: We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

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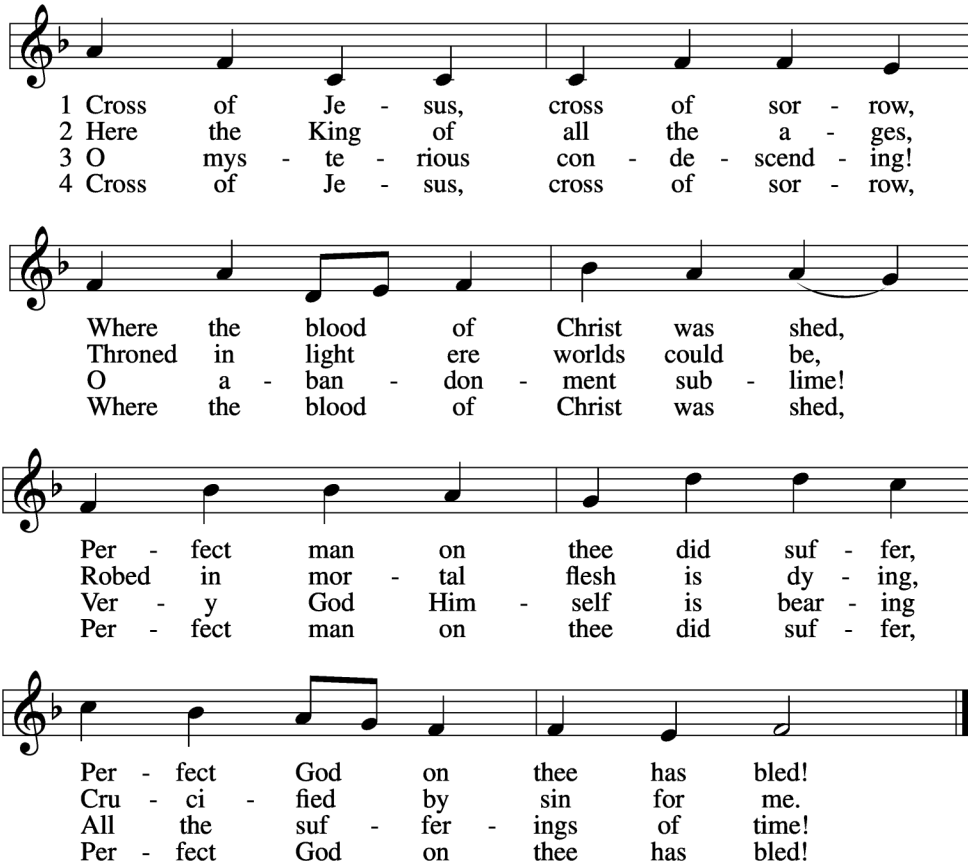
LENT HYMN SING

Lent hymns can be found in the Lent and Holy Week sections of the hymnal, LSB 418-456

Please stand for the opening hymn.

HYMN: Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428



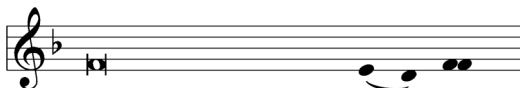
1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,
2 Here the King of all the a - ges,
3 O mys - te - rious con - de - scend - ing!
4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row,

Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
O a - ban - don - ment sub - lime!
Where the blood of Christ was shed,

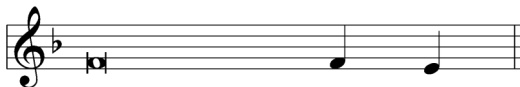
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,
Robed in mor - tal flesh is dy - ing,
Ver - y God Him - self is bear - ing,
Per - fect man on thee did suf - fer,

Per - fect God on thee has bled!
Cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
All the suf - fer - ings of time!
Per - fect God on thee has bled!

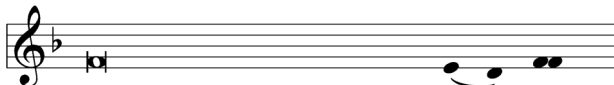
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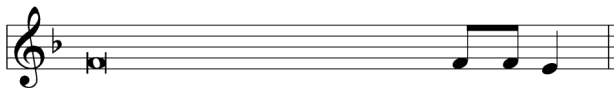
L Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



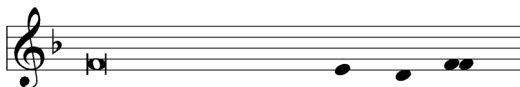
C now is the day of sal - va - tion.



L Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.



L May Your justice shine like the sun;



C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

PHOS HILARON *LSB 244*



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT *LSB 245*

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of

fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord,
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds,
we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole
heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING: Genesis 6:9-22

Please sit

L A reading from Genesis, chapter 6.

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING: I Peter 3:18-22

L A reading from First Peter, chapter 3.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

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HYMN: Before the Crowd the Most High God



Be - fore the crowd the most high God, Whose face no flesh could
This rev - e - la - tion does not stand A - lone in his - to -
Once No - ah built— when rains be - set— A boat which God con -
In var - i - ous and man - y ways, God spoke to us of

see, Stood marked with wounds of scourge and rod and
ry, For Is - rael's past re - veals the hand Of
trived; The wa - ters drowned the world, and yet Those
old, But now in these con - clud - ing days, He

frail mor - tal - i - ty. "Be - hold the man!" So Pi - late cried, But
God for us to see. For God used pro - phets, priests, and kings, And
in the ark sur - vived. So too be - hind a cross of wood We
gives His Son—be - hold! For ev - ery sign and pro - phe - cy Here

we re - ply and call: "Be - hold our God!" Who
shep - herds too, and slaves, To help us un - der -
hide when storms a - rise; For Christ has made a
meets its fi - nal goal In Christ Who hung up -

when He died Re - vealed Him - self to all.
stand this thing: This cross by which He saves.
pro - mise good That here sal - va - tion lies.
on the tree To save the sin - ner's soul!

SERMON

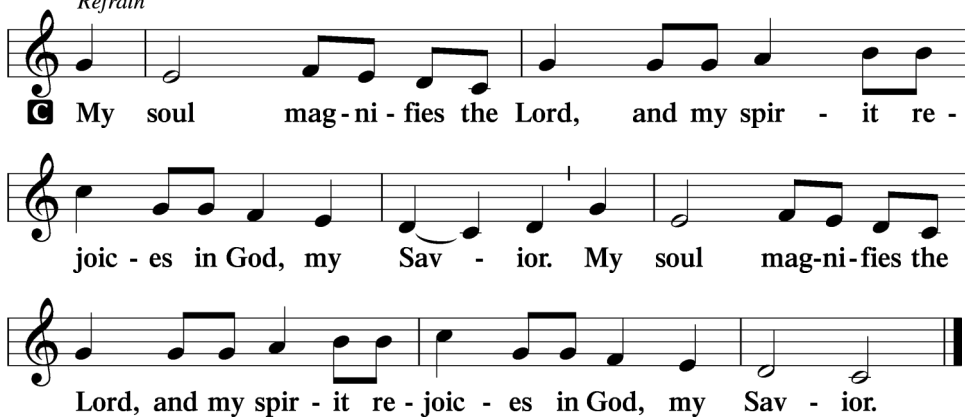
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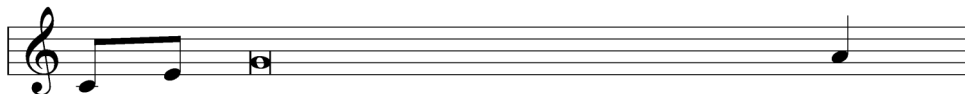
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Please Stand

Refrain

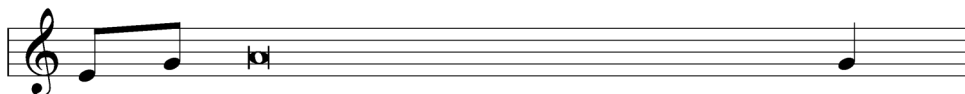


My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



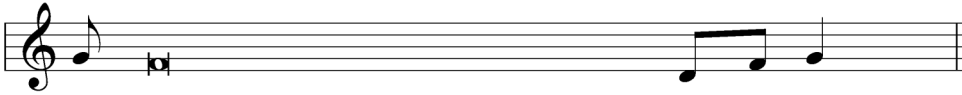
- 1 For He has re - garded me,
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

- 1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
- 2 and holy is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



- 1 For be - hold, from this day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

Verses continue on next page —>



- 1 all generations will call me blessed.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

OFFERING

Please Sit

As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.

VOLUNTARY—Before the Crowd the Most High God

Owen Duncan

PRAYER— *Please stand*

LITANY *LSB 249*

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

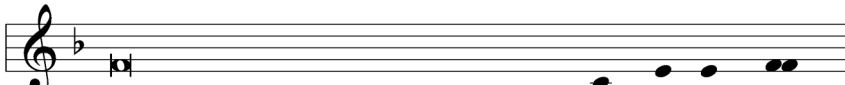


C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L 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:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For [name of president or monarch], for all 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:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

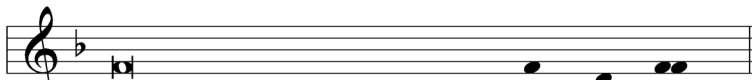
The prayers then continue:



L For the faithful who have gone
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

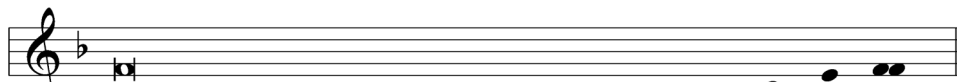


C Thanks be to God.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 251*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 252*



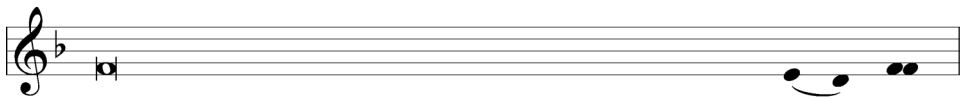
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



G A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diancy
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

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