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The day of the Lord will come.

Keep awake.

1 Thessalonians 5:2,6



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“Meditation (Thais)”

Jules Massenet
Nicole Miner, Violin

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 19:1-2, 5-7*

Pastor: Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.

People: **For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.**

Pastor: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

People: **for His judgments are true and just.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As children of the light and well beloved by our gracious God, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution, as our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Almighty God, whose compassion never fails,

People: **we come before You in penitence. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of Your love, now and forever.**

Pastor: God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 143:2, 6, 11; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor/Choir: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness! I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done; I ponder the work of Your hands. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

THE GLORIA PATRI

♪ **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"

LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You have called Your people to love justice and to do acts of kindness. Grant that we may be bearers of Your justice in the world, awaiting the time of Your return as judge on the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with Father and the Holy Spirit is worshiped and glorified, now and eternally.

People: ♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 1:7-16

(A prophecy of the great and terrible Day of the Lord)

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵ A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(We are children of light, who build each other up.)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*When mem’ry fades and recognition falters, when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
speak to our souls of love that never alters; speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empow’r us with patient courage, by your grace infused.*

*As frailness grows and youthful strengths diminish in weary arms which worked their earnest fill,
your aging servants labor now to finish their earthly tasks, as fits your myst’ry’s will.
We grieve their wanting waning, yet rejoice believing your arms, unwearied, shall uphold them still.*

*Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!*

When mem’ry fades and recognition falters, your arms unwearied, shall uphold us still.

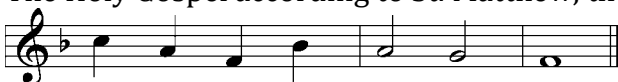
HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

(The Parable of the Talents)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no

seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE NICENE CREED

The Council of Nicaea began in June of 325 AD with 250 church bishops gathered together from the entire empire. The opening address was delivered by the Roman Emperor Constantine, who advised the delegates to put away all strife and discord. The Christian Church regards the resolve and concluding profession of the Council of Nicaea ("The Nicene Creed") as the one of the most important events in the history of the Christian Church. It forms an epoch in the history of doctrine, summing up the results of all previous discussions on the deity of Christ and the incarnation.

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not
made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who
for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look
for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen
Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Thou My Vision”

tune: LSB 861



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SERMON

“Through Clouds and Sunshine, Lord”

1 Thessalonians 5:6

Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor

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OFFERTORY Ps 139:7-12

LSB 878 v. 2

**♪ I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

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VOLUNTARY

“Andante”

*John Stanley
Nicole Miner, Violin*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

9:00am continues with the Benediction

*** The Order of Holy Communion ***

@10:30am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

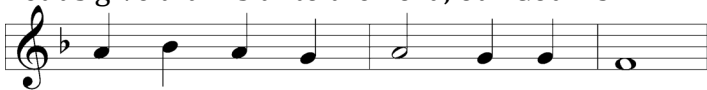
People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have called us from darkness into light. Grant that we may find security in trusting the graciousness of Your plan for our lives and walk daily as children of the light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

tune: LSB 507

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al -
 might - y! Day and night we join to praise Your
 might - y! We re - joice to join the hymns Of
 love and maj - es - ty. You a - lone are
 earth and sky and sea. Gen - er - a - tions
 ho - ly, wor - thy, and righ - teous.
 praise You, with saints and an - gels.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Ho - ly and bless'd through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

LSB p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine in the center of each tray.
 Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

LSB 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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NUNC DIMITTIS Lk 2:29-32

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that we may walk not in darkness but in the light as Your well-loved children. Keep alive in us a full anticipation of that time when we are to be gathered around Your heavenly Table, that we may ever be prepared for the return of Jesus as judge in glory at the end of this world. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: **♪ Amen.**

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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POSTLUDE

“March”

Felix Mendelssohn