

LENTEN VESPERS
March 10, 2021

PRELUDE

Nocturne

Lili Boulanger

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Agnes W. Norfleet

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

HYMN 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

CALL TO CONFESSION

Despite all that God has taught us,
we still act foolishly; we are still weak in faith.
In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace.
We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength
rather than our own. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
how fickle we are; we sin against you
without even knowing it.
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.
Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything
except you and keep us faithful.
Forgive us for failing to honor all
our relationships - with those closest to us
and those who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing
and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood,
and selfishness, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters,
in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again,
we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness
with God and with one another!
Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER 723

Lord, Speak for Me, for I Am Yours

PERRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leigh DeVries

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-21

MEDITATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Morceau de Concour

Gabriel Fauré

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Agnes W. Norfleet

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. Amen.

BLESSING

Leigh DeVries

May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you;
the beloved Son encourage you;
and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing;
this day and forever.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS

David DiGiacobbe, flute
Misoon Ghim, mezzo soprano
Jeffrey Brillhart, organ



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C Bb C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F Bb Gm7 F Bb F



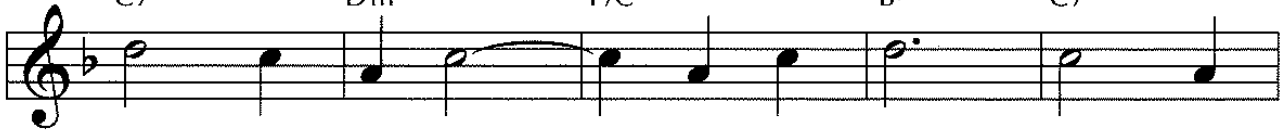
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F Bb F Bb



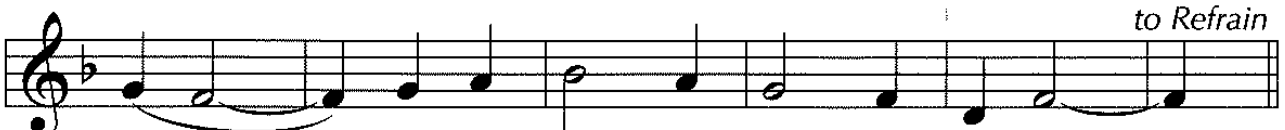
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C Bb C7



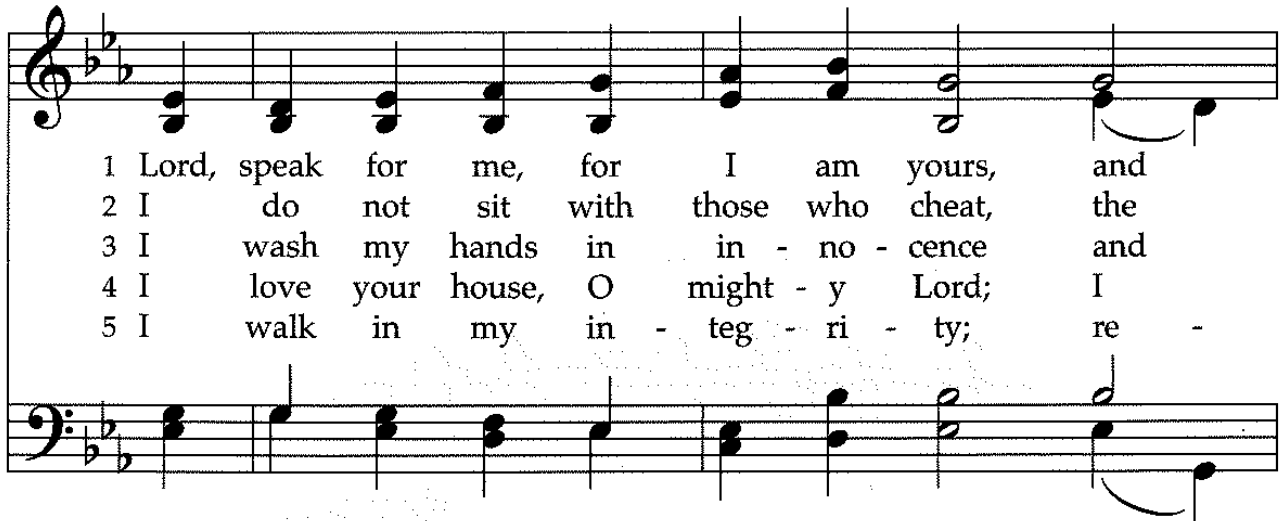
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F Bb2 Bb



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

to Refrain



1 Lord, speak for me, for I am yours, and
 2 I do not sit with those who cheat, the
 3 I wash my hands in in - no - cence and
 4 I love your house, O might - y Lord; I
 5 I walk in my in - teg - ri - ty; re -



test my mind and heart. I walk with stead - y
 false who love pre - tense. I do not fol - low
 seek your al - tar, Lord, and, sing - ing there with
 love the ho - ly place where you in your great
 deem me, Lord, in grace. Se - cure - ly now I



trust in you, nor from your ways de - part.
 where they go, nor count them as my friends.
 thank - ful voice, your might - y works re - cord.
 glo - ry dwell; you vis - it us in grace.
 stand, O Lord; in wor - ship I bring praise.