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The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus
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VESPERS

Iesu, iuva.

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Stand

Hymn

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

LSB 668

Setting by Samuel Eatherton

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are
foe de-stroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.
fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.
Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by
thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-TECTS you from them all.
harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.
Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure
Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring
And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

Text: Wilhelm Erasmus Arends, 1677–1721; tr. John M. Sloan, 1835–after 1890, alt.
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608.

Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sit



PSALMODY

Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (BCP)

Psalm 150

Salmo

Music by Arnani Aguiar (b. 1950)

*Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:
Laudate eum in firmament virtutis ejus.*

Praise the Lord in His holy place
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

*Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus:
Laudate eum secundum multitudinem
magnitudinis ejus.*

Praise Him for His mighty acts,
Praise Him according to
His excellent greatness.

*Laudate eum in sono tubae:
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.*

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise Him with the psaltery and the harp.

*Laudate eum in tympano et choro:
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.*

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance,
Praise Him with strings and pipes.

*Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:*

Praise Him with high-sounding cymbals,
Praise Him with cymbals of joy.

*Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum. Alleluia.
(Latin Vulgate)*

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia.

Psalm 121

I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills

Music by Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
 From whence does my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved;
 He who keeps you will not slumber.
 Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
 The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and forevermore. (RSV)

Office Hymn

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

Setting by Samuel Eatherton

The choir sings stanza 2.



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: German, 1534, Nürnberg.

READINGS

Reading

Acts 20:17–38

L A reading from Acts, the 20th chapter.

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

Grant Peace, We Pray

Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. composite
Adapted by Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)
Arranged by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord,
In our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee,
None other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

Reading

1 Peter 1:3–9

L A reading from First Peter, the first chapter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

Teach Me Thy Way

Psalm 86:11–12
Music by William Fox (d. 1579)
Arranged by Henry V. Gerike

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth.
O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy name.
I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart
And will praise Thy name forevermore. Amen.

Reading

Luke 12:22–34

L A reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of

these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Each stanza is preceded by an organ setting by Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926).

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
 by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
 Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug.

Sermon

CANTICLE

Magnificat

Luke 1:46–55

Tone VIII; arranged by Healy Willan (1880–1968)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour;
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him: Throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel,

As He promised to our forefathers Abraham and His seed forever.

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. (BCP)

Stand

PRAYERS

Kyrie

Text and music: Traditional

All sing once in unison and then four times in canon, as follows:

Part 1: balcony choirs; Part 2: pulpit side; Part 3: lectern side.

①
Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei son.

②
Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - lei - son.

③
Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.



Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

For Musicians and Artists

- L** God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be with Your servants who make art and music for Your people that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction



L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



G A - men.



Hymn

Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

LSB 880

Harmonization by J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The choir sings the first stanza.

The assembly is invited to sing the remaining stanzas in harmony.

Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land, field, and
 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings a -
 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this night will

mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies. But
 bove me And shield me from a - larm. Though
 sure - ly From per - il guard your heads. Sweet

you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic
 Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing
 slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -

mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.
 tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517.

Postlude

Ein feste Burg

Charles W. Ore (b. 1936)

Soli Deo Gloria.

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