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**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2, 2025**

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

# Children of God Welcome to the House of the Lord

*Guests we are pleased to welcome you to worship this evening. We invite you to sign our guest register and to fill out a visitor card located in the pew rack. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate.*

*Please **turn all cell phones off** before the worship service begins.*

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

## GRACE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* WOV 780



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



#### *Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919  
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## \*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus:

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> I will pass through the land of Egypt that



<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

## SECOND READING

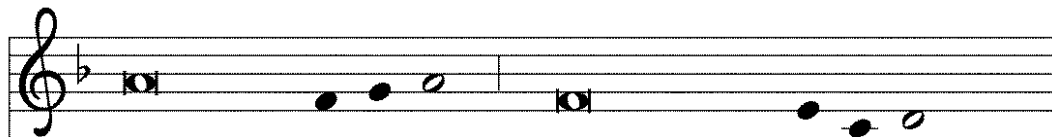
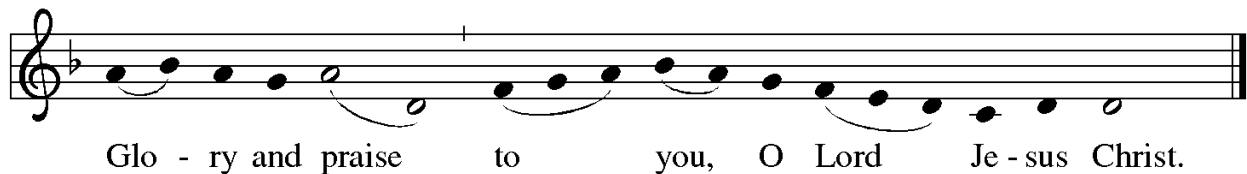
1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I give you a | new commandment,  
that you love one another just as I | have loved you. (*John 13:34*)

## \*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One

who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.”<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.<sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.<sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.<sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”<sup>31b</sup> “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

LBW 126

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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# CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Please kneel or sit for the confession.  
Silence is kept for self-examination.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## \*THE LAYING OF HANDS

*Those who desire to receive individual absolution may come forward and kneel. The proper response to the words of absolution is "Amen". Those who do not desire individual absolution are invited to be seated and ponder the bountiful mercy that God shows to us through forgiveness.*



## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The assisting minister prays the petition. The congregation responds to the petitions that end "Lord in your mercy with: "**hear our prayer.**" and those that end "O, God we give you thanks" with: "**Thanks be to God**" The prayers conclude with the pastoral petition followed by a congregational "**Amen.**"*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O, God we give you thanks. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands... Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## MEAL

### \*OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Seek to Serve*

Lloyd Pfautsch

Based on the Kyrie from Mass IX (cum jubilo) XII c.

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve.

May I live as one who knows the love of God.

Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.

With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see.

With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me.

Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

### \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed ... unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

### \*COMMUNION INVITATION

Come to the table.

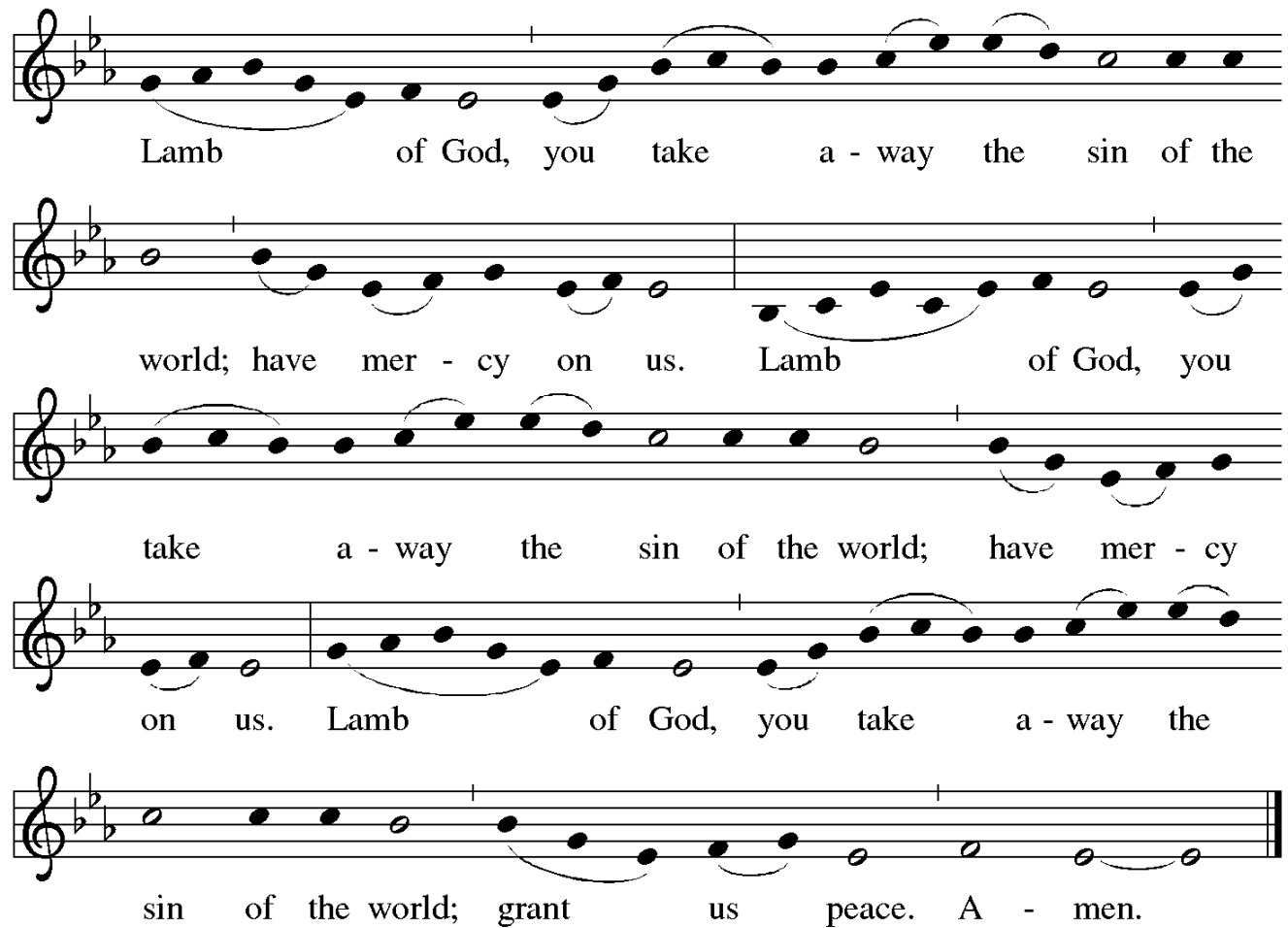
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an X.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

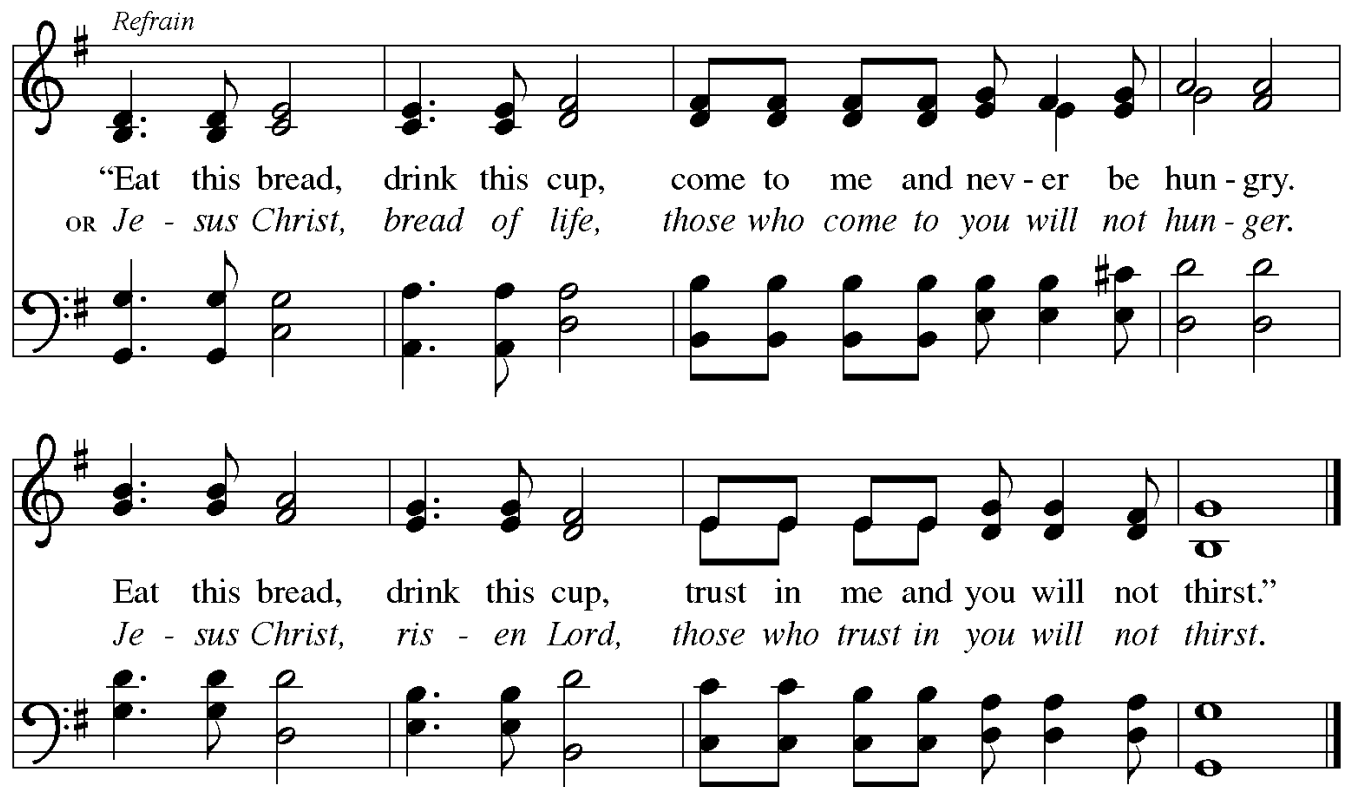
### *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.



*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

*Those not receiving communion are invited to pray the following while communion is being distributed:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. When I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen.

## \*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The congregation is invited to sit or kneel and join in the refrain as Psalm 88 is read and the chancel is stripped.*

*Just as Christ was stripped of his power and glory and placed in the hands of his captors, the church is stripped in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, my | God, my Savior,  
by day and night I | cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer enter in- | to your presence;  
incline your ear to my | lamentation.

<sup>3</sup>For I am | full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink | of the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down | to the pit;  
I have become like one who | has no strength;  
<sup>5</sup>lost among the dead, like the slain who lie | in the grave,  
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off | from your hand.

<sup>6</sup>You have laid me in the depths | of the pit,  
in dark places, and in | the abyss.

<sup>7</sup>Your anger weighs up- | on me heavily,  
and all your great waves | overwhelm me.

<sup>8</sup>You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be ab- | horred by them;  
I am in prison and can- | not get free.

<sup>9</sup>My sight has failed me be- | cause of trouble;  
Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my | hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders | for the dead?  
Will those who have died stand up and | give you thanks?

<sup>11</sup>Will your lovingkindness be declared | in the grave,  
your faithfulness in the land | of destruction?

<sup>12</sup>Will your wonders be known | in the dark  
or your righteousness in the country where all | is forgotten?

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, O Lord, I cry to | you for help;  
in the morning my prayer | comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>Lord, why have you re- | jected me?

Why have you hidden your | face from me?

<sup>15</sup>Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the | point of death;

I have borne your terrors | and am helpless.

<sup>16</sup>Your blazing anger has swept | over me;

your terrors | have destroyed me;

<sup>17</sup>they surround me all day long | like a flood;

they encompass me on | every side.

<sup>18</sup>My friend and my neighbor you have put a- | way from me,

and darkness is my on- | ly companion. R

*You are invited to remain as long as you like to meditate and pray. When you are ready to leave, please do so in silence so as not to disrupt others.*



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