Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Braamfontein

30th March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent – B
Laetare Sunday
Morning Prayer – Week IV

All stand as the Ministers enter the church

V. O Lord, open *our* lips
R. **And we shall praise *your* name**

The Office Hymn is sung by all

1.
Jesus, the sun of ransomed earth,
Shed in our inmost souls thy light,
As in spring days a fairer birth
Heralds, each morn, the doom of night.
2.
This hour of grace thou dost impart;
Teach us with flowing tears the stain
To cleanse from ev'ry victim-heart
That longs to feel love's welcome pain.
3.
The day is come, th' accepted day,
When grace, like nature, flowr's anew;
Trained by thy hand the surer way
Rejoice we in our spring-time too.
4.
Let the whole earth in worship bow,
Great God, before thy mercy-seat,
As we, renewed by grace, do now
With praises new thy presence greet.

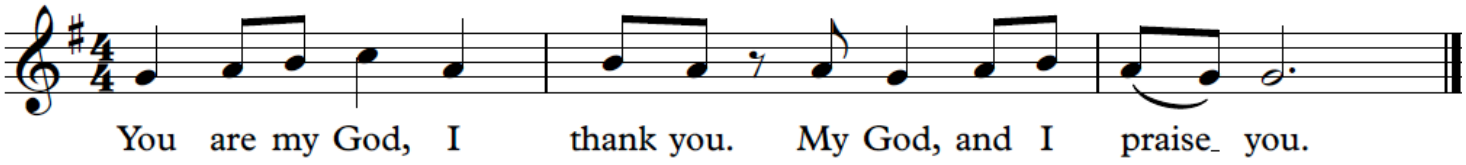
6th Century, Tr. R. A. Knox (1888-1957)
Tune: Jesu dulcis

The psalms follow

The assembly sings the verses in **BOLD TYPE**

Psalm 117 (118)

Antiphon 1 Tone: Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris



Give thanks to the Lord for he is *good*,
for his love endures for *ever*.
Let the sons of Israel *say*:
'His love endures for *ever*.'

Let the sons of Aaron *say*:
'His love endures for *ever*.'
Let those who fear the Lord *say*:
'His love endures for *ever*.'

I called to the Lord in my distress; +
he answered and *freed me*.
The lord is at my side; I do not *fear*.
What can man do against me? +
The Lord is at my side as my *helper*:
I shall look down on my *foes*.

It is better to take refuge in the *Lord*
than to trust in *men*:
it is better to take refuge in the *Lord*
than to trust in *princes*.

The nations all encompassed me; +
in the Lord's name I *crushed them*.
They compassed me, compassed me about; +
in the Lord's name I *crushed them*.
They compassed me about like bees; +
they blazed like a fire among *thorns*.
In the Lord's name I *crushed them*.

I was hard-pressed and was *falling*
but the Lord came to *help me*.
The Lord is my strength and my song; +
he is my *saviour*.
There are shouts of joy and victory +
in the tents of the *just*.

All sit

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; +
his right hand *raised me*.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed; +
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his *deeds*.
I was punished, I was punished by the *Lord*,
but not doomed to *die*.

Open to me the gates of *holiness*:
I will enter and give *thanks*.
This is the Lord's own gate +
where the just may *enter*.
I will thank you for you have answered +
and you are my *saviour*.

The stone which the builders re-*jected*
has become the *corner stone*.
This is the work of the Lord, +
a marvel in our *eyes*.
This day was made by the Lord; +
we rejoice and are *glad*.

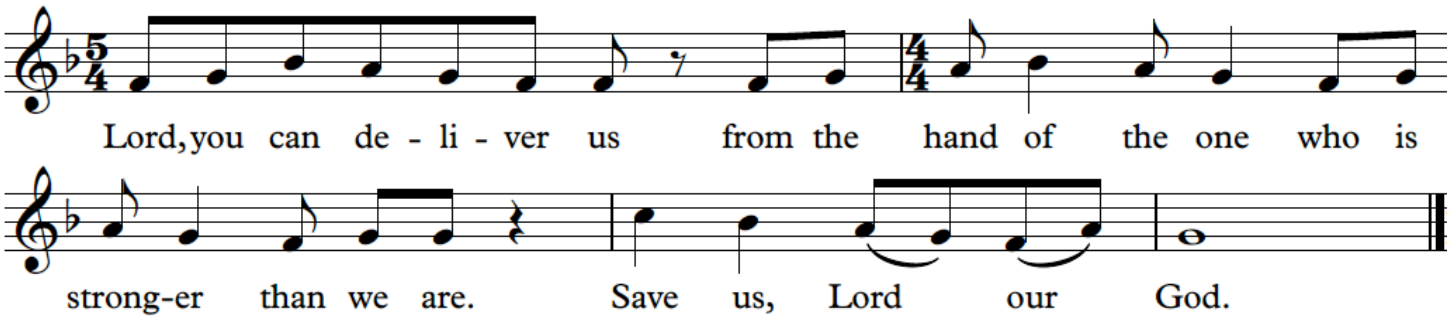
O Lord, grant us sal-*vation*;
O Lord, grant suc-*cess*.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who *comes*.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; +
the Lord God is our *light*.

Go forward in procession with branches even to
the *altar*.
You are my God, I thank you. +
My God, I *praise you*.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is *good*;
for his love endures for *ever*.

Glory be to the Father and to the *Son*
and to the Holy *Spirit*,
as it was in the beginning, +
is now, and ever *shall be*,
world without end.
A-*men*. **Ant. You are my God…**

Canticle: Daniel 3: 52-57

Antiphon 2 Mode I



You are blest, Lord *God of* our fathers.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

Blest your glorious *ho*-ly name.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

You are blest in the *temple* of your glory.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

You are blest who gaze in-*to* the depths.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

You are blest in the *firmament* of heaven.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

You who walk on the *wings of* the wind:
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

May they bless you, the *saints* and angels.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

From the heavens, the *earth and* the sea,
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

You are blest, Lord *God of* our fathers.
To you glory and praise for *e*-vermore.

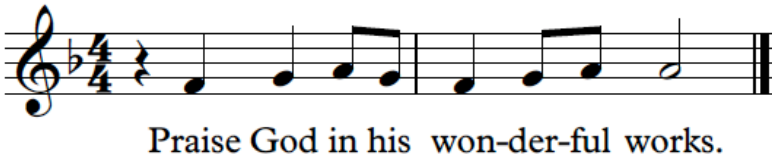
Glory be to the Father and *to* the Son
and to the *Ho*-ly Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, +
is now, and *e*-ver shall be,
world without *end.*
Amen.

Ant. Lord, you can deliver us…

Psalm 150

Antiphon 3 Tone: R. Kolabhai



Praise God in his ho-*ly* place,
praise him in his migh-*ty* heavens.
Praise him for his power-*ful* deeds,
praise his sur-*pass*-ing greatness.

O Praise him with the sound of *the* trumpet,
praise him with lute *and* harp.
Praise him with timbrel *and* dance,
praise him with *strings* and pipes.

O praise him with resound-*ding* cymbals,
praise him with clashing *of* cymbals.
Let everything that lives and *that* breathes
give praise *to* the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to *the* Son
and to the *Ho*-ly *Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, +
is now and e-*ver* shall be,
world without *end.*
Amen.

Ant. Praise God…

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 8: 9-10

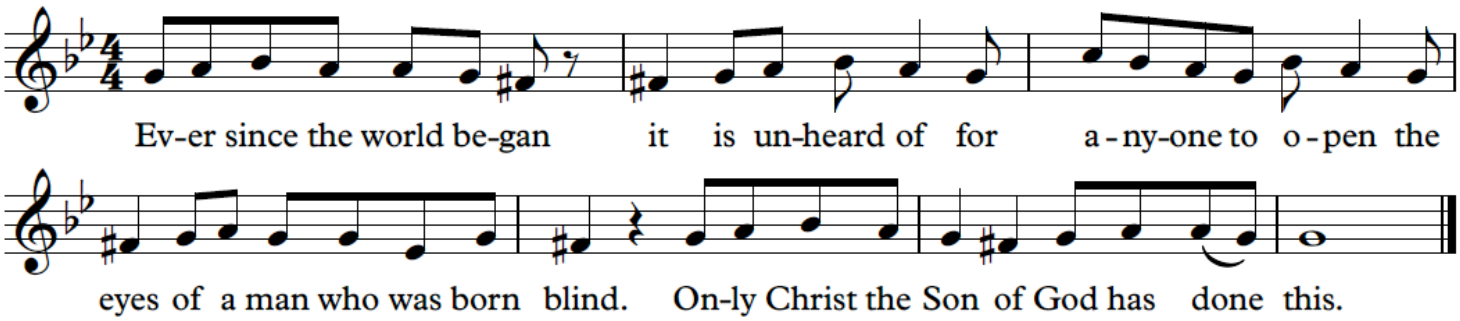
Responsory

R. ***Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us***. **R.**
V. You were wounded because of our sins. **R.**
V. Glory be. **R.**

All stand

Benedictus The canticle is alternated by schola/cantor and assembly
Tone: C. Upchurch

Antiphon



Blessed be the Lord, the *God* of Israel!
He has visited his people *and* redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a *migh*-ty saviour
In the house of *David* his servant,

As he promised by the lips of *ho*-ly men,
Those who were his prophets *from* of old.
A saviour who would free us *from* our foes,
From the hands of *all* who hate us.

So his love for our fathers *is* fulfilled,
And his holy *covenant* remembered.
He swore to Abraham our father to grant us +
That free from fear, +
and saved from the hands *of* our foes,
We might serve him in holiness and justice +
All the days of our life *in* his presence.

As for you, *li*-ttle child,
You shall be called a prophet of *God the* most High.
You shall go a-*head of* the Lord
To prepare his *ways* before him.

To make known to his people *their* salvation
Through forgiveness of *all* their sins,
The loving kindness *of* our God
Who visits us like the *dawn from* on high.

He *will* give light___
to *those* in darkness,
Those who dwell in the *shadow* of death,
And guide us into the *way* of peace.

Glory be to the Father and *to* the Son,
and to the *Ho*-ly Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, +
is now and *e*-ver shall be,
world without *end.* Amen. **Ant. Ever since…**

Intercessions
R. ***Inflame our hearts with your love.*** Our Father.

Concluding Rites and Anthem to Our Lady – *Ave regina caelorum* [see insert]