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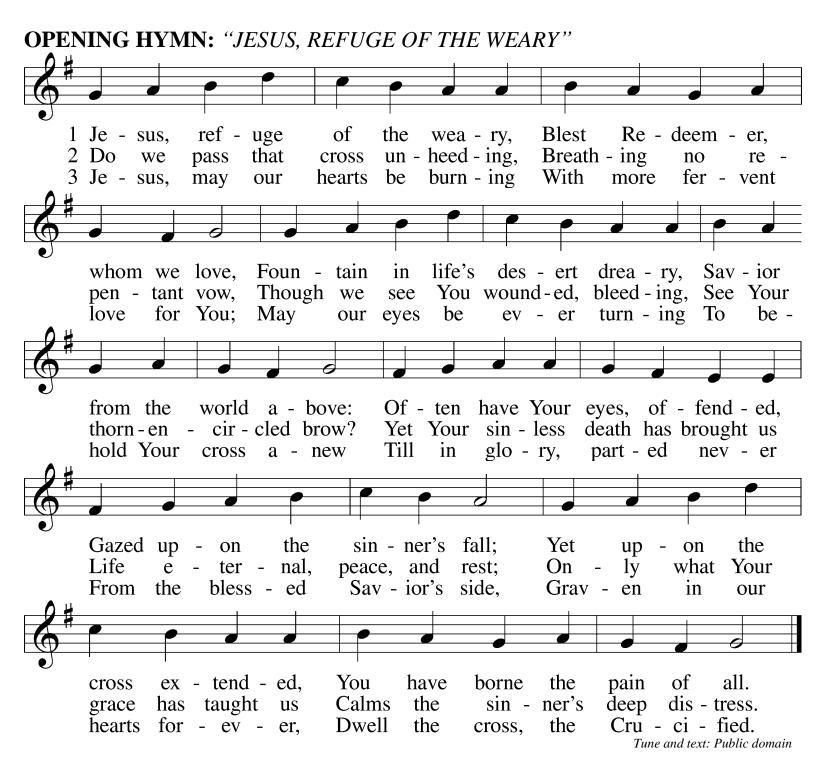
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# Tonight's Theme: "Murderous Eyes"

Have you ever had the evil eye on someone? If looks could kill, have you killed? Is not that one you are looking at a person woven together by your Father's hands? Dear Jesus, help us.

Midweek Lenten Service March 25, 2020

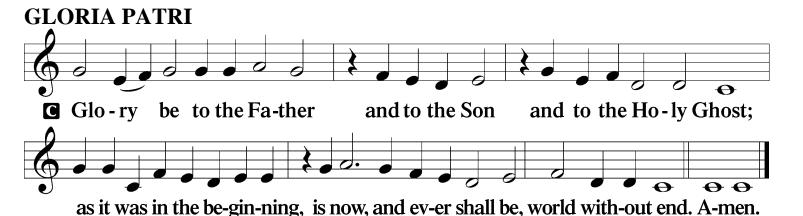


#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- P Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted.
- Why, O Lord, do You stand afar off? Why do You hide yourself in times of trouble?
- In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.
- For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- P His ways prosper at all times; Your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
- **C** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."
- P His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
- He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- P he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
- The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might.
- P He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, He has hidden His face, He will never see it."
- Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Your hand; forget not the afflicted.



#### **COLLECT**

- **P** The Lord be with you
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray...Lord Jesus Christ, we often have gazed with murderous hatred upon our fellow man. Look upon us with favor, forgive all our sins, and replace all hatred in our hearts with love for You and our neighbor; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST READING

1 John 3:11–15

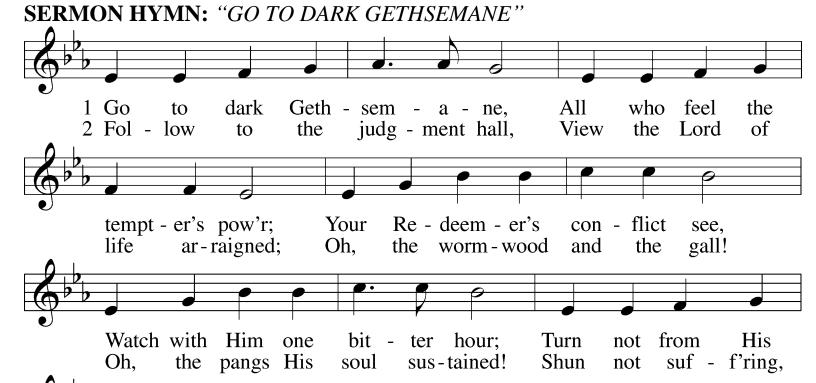
<sup>11</sup>For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup>Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup>We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:32–42

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

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### **RESPONSIVE LENTEN VERSICLES**

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- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- **P** Rend your hearts and not your garments.
- Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P Jesus said, "If any man would come after Me,
- C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."
- P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C He was bruised for our iniquities.

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#### **PRAYERS**

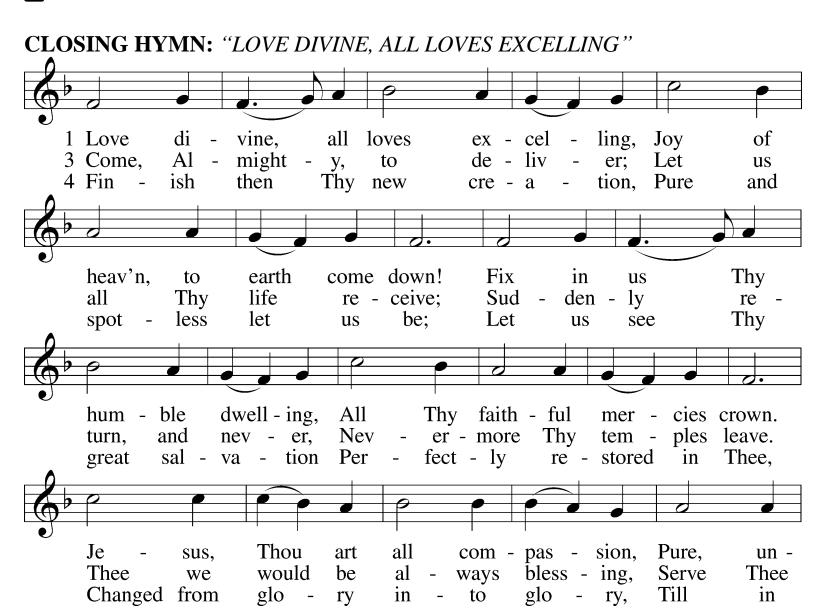
#### LORD'S PRAYER

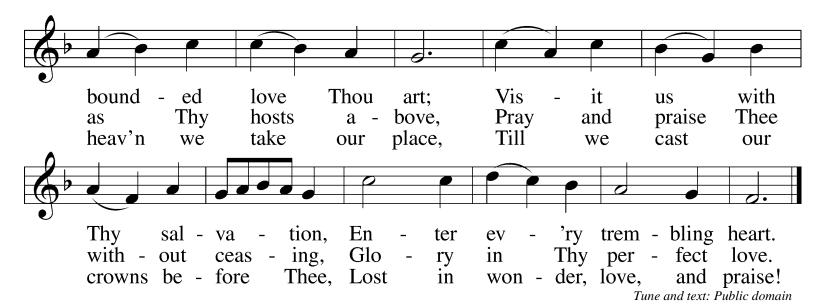
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.





#### **POSTLUDE**

#### There Is a Name I Love to Hear"-arr. John Carter

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