

Organ Vespers for Lent

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:00PM

Prelude

Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 149

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Spoken Versicles:

O Lord, open thou my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 77

Psalm Prayer

Lesson:

Job 5:8-27

Organ Response

Ah, Holy Jesus

Austin C. Lovelace (b.1919)

Reflection

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Organ Postlude

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, Op. 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Prayers for Vespers

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my
Savior.

For He hath regarded the low estate of
His handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth all
generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me
great things, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him
from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their
seats, and exalted them of low degree.

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

He hath helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy;

As He spake to our fathers,
to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

The 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Psalm 77

¹I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, that he may hear me.
²In the day of my trouble I seek the LORD;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
³I think of God, and I moan;
I meditate, and my spirit faints.
⁴You keep my eyelids from closing;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
⁵I consider the days of old,
and remember the years of long ago.
⁶I commune with my heart in the night;
I meditate and search my spirit:
⁷"Will the LORD spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?
⁸Has his steadfast love ceased forever?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"
¹⁰And I say, "It is my grief
that the right hand of the Most High has changed."
¹¹I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
¹²I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.
¹³Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
¹⁴You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.
¹⁵With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
¹⁶When the waters saw you, O God,

when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

²⁰You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm Prayer

God of the ages, by signs and wonders you established your ancient covenant, and through the sacrifice of your Son you confirmed the new covenant yet more wondrously. Guide your church to the land of promise, that there we may celebrate your name with lasting praise through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Lesson

Job 5:8-27

⁸"As for me, I would seek God,
and to God I would commit my cause.
⁹He does great things and unsearchable,
marvelous things without number.
¹⁰He gives rain on the earth
and sends waters on the fields;
¹¹he sets on high those who are lowly,
and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
¹²He frustrates the devices of the crafty,
so that their hands achieve no success.
¹³He takes the wise in their own craftiness;
and the schemes of the wily are brought to a quick end.
¹⁴They meet with darkness in the daytime,
and grope at noonday as in the night.
¹⁵But he saves the needy from the sword of their mouth,
from the hand of the mighty.
¹⁶So the poor have hope,
and injustice shuts its mouth.
¹⁷"How happy is the one whom God reproves;
therefore do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.
¹⁸For he wounds, but he binds up;
he strikes, but his hands heal.
¹⁹He will deliver you from six troubles;
in seven no harm shall touch you.
²⁰In famine he will redeem you from death,
and in war from the power of the sword.
²¹You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,
and shall not fear destruction when it comes.
²²At destruction and famine you shall laugh,
and shall not fear the wild animals of the earth.
²³For you shall be in league with the stones of the field,

and the wild animals shall be at peace with you.

²⁴You shall know that your tent is safe,
you shall inspect your fold and miss nothing.

²⁵You shall know that your descendants will be many,
and your offspring like the grass of the earth.

²⁶You shall come to your grave in ripe old age,
as a shock of grain comes up to the threshing floor in its season.

²⁷See, we have searched this out; it is true.

Hear, and know it for yourself."