

Lenten Devotion for Early Evening
The Wednesday of Lent 4
(The Annunciation)
March 25, 2020

PRELUDE: *“Meinen Jesum laß ich nicht”* – Friedrich David Billig

INVOCATION AND VERSICLE:

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A candle may be lighted)

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

PHOS HILARON:

Joyous Light of glory,
Of the immortal Father,
Heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun
And we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy of being praised
With pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
The universe proclaims Your glory.

PSALM: **Psalm 32**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*Glory be 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.*

HYMN: **609 -- "Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive"**

LESSON: **The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ: Drawn from the
Four Gospels, Part IV: The Praetorium**

MEDITATION: **Isaiah 42:14-21** (Sunday Old Testament)

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He
descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

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 in the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.*

COLLECT (Lent 4):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every
morning, and though we deserve by our evil deeds only
punishment, still You receive us as Your children, and by Your

grace provide for all our wants of body and soul; therefore grant that we, by Your Holy Spirit, may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OTHER COLLECTS:

O Lord, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel to the virgin Mary, so by the message of His cross and passion bring us to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FINAL COLLECT:

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.