

Welcome to Matins for **Mondays in the Season of Lent**. The Service is on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The Psalms are **Psalm 78:1-39 on page 249-51** and **Psalm 78:40-72 on page 251-2**. The hymn is **#101**.

**PSALM 78:1-39** (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

#### ANTIPHON

*We will recount to the generations to come, the praiseworthy deeds and power | of the Lord,\*  
And the wonderful works | he has done.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, | O my people;\*  
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth | in a parable;\*  
I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times.

<sup>3</sup> That which we have heard and known, and what our forefa- | thers have told us,\*  
we will not hide | from their children.

<sup>4</sup> We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the LORD,\*  
and the wonderful works | he has done.

<sup>5</sup> He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a | law for Israel,\*  
which he commanded them to | teach their children;

<sup>6</sup> that the generations to come might know, and the children | yet unborn;\*  
that they in their turn might tell it | to their children;

<sup>7</sup> so that they might put their | trust in God,\*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep | his commandments,

<sup>8</sup> and not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious | generation,\*  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
and whose spirit was not faith- | ful to God.

<sup>9</sup> The people of Ephraim, armed | with the bow,\*  
turned back in the | day of battle;

<sup>10</sup> they did not keep the cove- | nant of God,\*  
and refused to walk | in his law;

- <sup>11</sup> they forgot what | he had done,\*  
and the wonders | he had shown them.
- <sup>12</sup> He worked marvels in the sight | of their forefathers,\*  
in the land of Egypt, in the | field of Zoan.
- <sup>13</sup> He split open the sea and let | them pass through;\*  
he made the waters stand | up like walls.
- <sup>14</sup> He led them with a | cloud by day,\*  
and all the night through with a | glow of fire.
- <sup>15</sup> He split the hard rocks | in the wilderness\*  
and gave them drink as from | the great deep.
- <sup>16</sup> He brought streams out | of the cliff,\*  
and the waters gushed | out like rivers.
- <sup>17</sup> But they went on sin- | ning against him,\*  
rebellling in the desert against | the Most High.
- <sup>18</sup> They tested God | in their hearts,\*  
demanding food | for their craving.
- <sup>19</sup> They railed against | God and said,\*  
"Can God set a table | in the wilderness?"
- <sup>20</sup> True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies | overflowed;\*  
but is he able to give bread or to provide meat | for his people?"
- <sup>21</sup> When the LORD heard this, he was | full of wrath;\*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted | against Israel;
- <sup>22</sup> for they had no | faith in God,\*  
nor did they put their trust in his | saving power.
- <sup>23</sup> So he commanded the | clouds above\*  
and opened the | doors of heaven.
- <sup>24</sup> He rained down manna upon | them to eat\*  
and gave them | grain from heaven.
- <sup>25</sup> So mortals ate the | bread of angels;\*  
he provided for them | food enough.
- <sup>26</sup> He caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens\*  
and led out the south wind | by his might.

- 27 He rained down flesh upon | them like dust\*  
and winged birds like the sand | of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst | of their camp\*  
and round | about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and | were well filled,\*  
for he gave them | what they craved.
- 30 But they did not | stop their craving,\*  
though the food was still | in their mouths.
- 31 So God's anger mount- | ed against them;\*  
he slew their strongest men and laid low the | youth of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this, they | went on sinning\*  
and had no faith in his won- | derful works.
- 33 So he brought their days to an end | like a breath\*  
and their years in | sudden terror.
- 34 Whenever he slew them, | they would seek him,\*  
and repent, and diligently | search for God.
- 35 They would remember that God | was their rock,\*  
and the Most High God | their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him | with their mouths\*  
and lied to him | with their tongues.
- 37 Their heart was not stead- | fast toward him,\*  
and they were not faithful | to his covenant.
- 38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins and did | not destroy them;\*  
many times he held back his anger and did not permit his wrath | to be roused;
- 39 for he remembered that they | were but flesh,\*  
a breath that goes forth and does | not return.

## ANTIPHON

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And the wonderful works | he has done.*

**PSALM 78:40-72** (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*The Lord ransomed his people from the hand | of the enemy\*  
and brought them into his | holy land.*

<sup>40</sup> How often the people disobeyed him | in the wilderness\*  
and offended him | in the desert!

<sup>41</sup> Again and again they | tempted God\*  
and provoked the Holy | One of Israel.

<sup>42</sup> They did not remem- | ber his power\*  
in the day when he ransomed them | from the enemy;

<sup>43</sup> how he wrought his | signs in Egypt\*  
and his omens in the | field of Zoan.

<sup>44</sup> He turned their rivers | into blood,\*  
so that they could not drink | of their streams.

<sup>45</sup> He sent swarms of flies among them, which | ate them up,\*  
and frogs, | which destroyed them.

<sup>46</sup> He gave their crops to the | caterpillar,\*  
the fruit of their toil | to the locust.

<sup>47</sup> He killed their | vines with hail\*  
and their syca- | mores with frost.

<sup>48</sup> He delivered their cat- | tle to hailstones\*  
and their livestock | to hot thunderbolts.

<sup>49</sup> He poured out upon them his | blazing anger:\*  
fury, indignation, and distress, a troop of de- | stroying angels.

<sup>50</sup> He gave full rein to his anger; he did not spare their | souls from death,\*  
but delivered their lives | to the plague.

<sup>51</sup> He struck down all the first- | born of Egypt,\*  
the flower of manhood in the dwell- | ings of Ham.

<sup>52</sup> He led out his peo- | ple like sheep\*  
and guided them in the wilderness | like a flock.

- 53 He led them to safety, and they were | not afraid;\*  
but the sea over- | whelmed their enemies.
- 54 He brought them to his | holy land,\*  
the mountain his right | hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites before them  
and apportioned an inheritance to | them by lot;\*  
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell | in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God, | and defied him,\*  
and did not keep | his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal | like their fathers;\*  
they were undependable like | a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him | with their hill-altars\*  
and provoked his displeasure | with their idols.
- 59 When God heard this, | he was angry\*  
and utterly re- | jected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the | shrine at Shiloh,\*  
the tabernacle where he had lived a- | mong his people.
- 61 He delivered the ark in- | to captivity,\*  
his glory into the adver- | sary's hand.
- 62 He gave his people | to the sword\*  
and was angered against | his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed | their young men;\*  
there were no wedding songs | for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell | by the sword,\*  
and their widows made no | lamentation.
- 65 Then the LORD woke as | though from sleep,\*  
like a warrior re- | freshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies | on the backside\*  
and put them to per- | petual shame.
- 67 He rejected the | tent of Joseph\*  
and did not choose the | tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 he chose instead the | tribe of Judah\*  
and Mount Zion, | which he loved.

<sup>69</sup> He built his sanctuary like the | heights of heaven,\*  
like the earth which he found- | ed forever.

<sup>70</sup> He chose Da- | vid his servant,\*  
and took him away | from the sheepfolds.

<sup>71</sup> He brought him from follow- | ing the ewes,\*  
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people and over Israel | his inheritance.

<sup>72</sup> So he shepherded them with a faithful | and true heart\*  
and guided them with the skillfulness | of his hands.

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and brought them into his | holy land.*

# O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord



1 O Christ, our king, cre - a - tor, Lord, re -  
2 Lord, in your cross true grace is found; it  
3 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, for  
4 All trem - bling na - ture quaked to see its  
5 Now in the Fa - ther's glo - ry high, great



deem-ing all who trust your word: you come to those who  
flows from ev - 'ry stream-ing wound; its pow'r our in - bred  
us you veiled in flesh your light, and deigned our mor - tal  
dy - ing king up - on the tree; and when you drew your  
con - qu'ror, nev - er - more to die, dis - pel our fears, shine



seek your way; now come and hear us as we pray.  
sin con - trols, and breaks our bonds and frees our souls.  
form to wear, and shared our hu - man want and care.  
fi - nal breath the dark - 'ning skies con - fessed your death.  
through our night, and reign for - ev - er, God of light.

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