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Fourth Sunday  
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*Matins*

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<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>O God of Mercy, God of Might</i>	LSB 852
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<b>Common Invitatory</b>	<i>Blessed be God the Father...</i> <i>O come, let us worship Him.</i>	p. 220

**Venite** p. 220

**Psalm** Psalm 138 (ESV)  
antiphon vs 8b

- P: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for- | ever.\*  
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.
- P: I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I | sing your praise;
- C: **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to  
your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,\*  
for you have exalted above all things your name | and  
your word.**
- P: On the day I called, you | answered me;\*  
my strength of soul | you increased.
- C: **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O  
LORD,\*  
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**
- P: and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*  
for great is the glory | of the LORD.
- C: **For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,\*  
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my  
life;\*

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my  
enemies, and your right hand de- | livers me.

C: **The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\***  
**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do**  
**not forsake the work | of your hands.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for- | ever.\*  
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.

## Office Hymn

*O God, My Faithful God*

LSB 696

## Old Testament

Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## Response

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

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**Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 8:18-23 (ESV)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected

to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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**Gospel**

Luke 6:36-42 (ESV)

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

He also told them a parable: Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

**Common Responsory**

*Forever, O Lord...*

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**Sermon**

*Forgive Like We Are Forgiven*

Luke 6:36-42

**Canticle**

*Te Deum*

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**Offering**

**Kyrie**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Salutation**

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## **Collect**

**P:** O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

**Collect for Grace**

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**Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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**Hymn**

*Jerusalem the Golden*

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