

April 2, 2025
Lenten Vespers Service
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Psalm 44:1-8 (Leader/Assembly; spoken)

¹We have heard with our ears, O God, our forebears
have told us, what you did in their days, in the days
of old.

²**With your hand you drove the nations out and
planted your people; you afflicted peoples and
dispersed them.**

³For they did not take the land by their sword, nor
did their arm win the victory for them; but your
right hand, your arm, and the light of your face,
because you favored them.

⁴**You are my king and my God;
you command victories for Jacob.**

⁵Through you we pushed back our adversaries;
through your name we trampled on those who rose
up against us.

⁶**For I do not rely on my bow,
and my sword does not give me the victory.**

⁷Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries
and put those who hate us to shame.

⁸**Every day we gloried in God,
and we will praise your name forever.**

Psalm Prayer

Philippians 2:1-13

Please see Pew Bible, page 954

Response:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

From Ethics (32-33)

God becomes human out of love for humanity.
God does not seek out the most perfect human
beings with whom to be united, but takes on
human nature as it is. Jesus Christ is not the
transfiguration of noble humanity but the Yes
of God to real human beings, not the
dispassionate Yes of a judge but the merciful
Yes of a compassionate sufferer. In this Yes
all the life and all the hope of the world
are comprised.

Sending Hymn “Lord, Whose Love in
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