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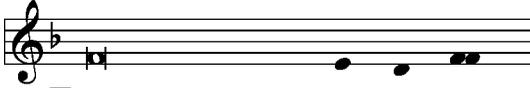
27 May 2020 ~ Vespers

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

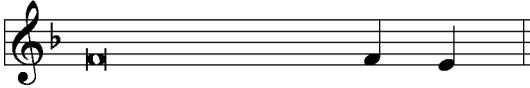
*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak
Reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

Service of Light

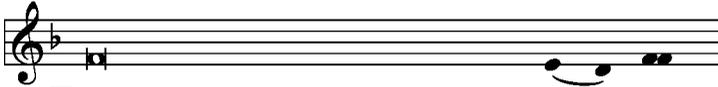
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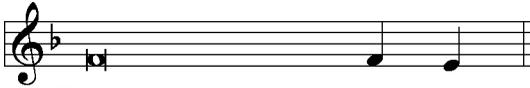
L Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



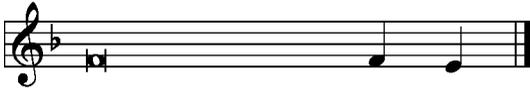
L We are illumined by the brightness of His ris - ing.



C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



L Death has no more dominion o - ver us.



C Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

Phos Hilaron



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

L We praise and thank you, O God, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom you have enlightened us, by revealing the light that never fades. Night is falling and day's allotted span draws to a close. The daylight which you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us. We praise you and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; through him be glory power and honor to you and the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

C Amen.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 141

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.



II Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Additional Psalms

Psalm

Psalm 115

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give | glory,*
for the sake of your steadfast love and your | faithfulness!

²Why should the | nations say,*

“Where | is their God?”

³Our God is in the | heavens;*

he does all that he | pleases.

⁴Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,*

the work of | human hands.

⁵They have mouths, but | do not speak;*

eyes, but | do not see.

⁶They have ears, but | do not hear;*

noses, but | do not smell.

⁷They have hands, but do not feel;

feet, but | do not walk;*

and they do not make a sound | in their throat.

⁸Those who make them be- | come like them;*

so do all who | trust in them.

⁹O Israel, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

¹²The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us; *
 he will bless the house of Israel;
 he will bless the house of | Aaron;
¹³he will bless those who | fear the LORD, *
 both the small | and the great.
¹⁴May the LORD give you | increase, *
 you and your | children!
¹⁵May you be blessed | by the LORD, *
 who made | heaven and earth!
¹⁶The heavens are the LORD's | heavens, *
 but the earth he has given to the chil- | dren of man.
¹⁷The dead do not | praise the LORD, *
 nor do any who go down into | silence.
¹⁸But we will | bless the LORD *
 from this time forth and forevermore. |
 Praise the LORD!

**▲ 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**

Office Hymn

LSB # 882 *O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day*

1 O Christ, who art the light and day,
 2 All - ho - ly Lord, in hum - ble prayer
 3 Our sleep be pure from sin - ful stain;
 4 A - sleep though wea - ried eyes may be,

Thou driv - est night and gloom a - way;
 We ask to - night Thy watch - ful care.
 Let not the tempt - er van - tage gain
 Still keep the heart a - wake to Thee;



O Light of Light, whose Word doth show
 O grant us calm re - pose in Thee,
 Or our un - guard - ed flesh sur - prise
 Let Thy right hand out - stretched a - bove



The light of heav'n to us be - low.
 A qui - et night, from per - ils free.
 And make us guilt - y in Thine eyes.
 Guard those who serve the Lord they love. A - men.

- 5 Behold, O God, our shield, and quell
 The crafts and subtleties of hell;
 Direct Thy servants in all good,
 Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.
- 6 O Lord, remember us who bear
 The burden of the flesh we wear;
 Thou who dost e'er our souls defend,
 Be with us even to the end.
- 7 All praise to God the Father be,
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
 Whom with the Spirit we adore
 Forever and forevermore. Amen.

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Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading

Zechariah 4:1-14

¹And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ²And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon: *Pr. Craig Beaton*

Stand/Magnificat



My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the



Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For ——— He has re ——— garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

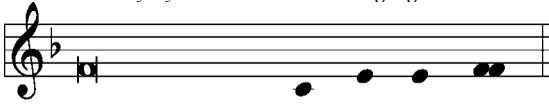
1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.



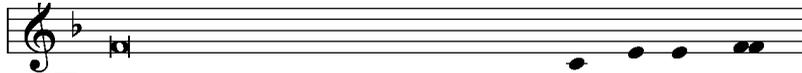
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

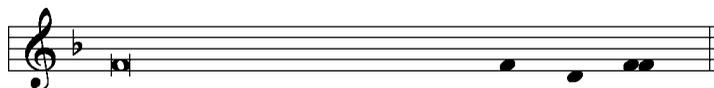
C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:



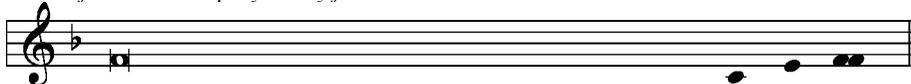
L For the faithful who have gone
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

Common: **C** Al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: **C** Thanks be to God.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us,
Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey
Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may
live in peace and 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.

Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

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