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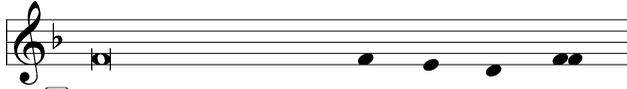
*3 June 2020 ~ Vespers*

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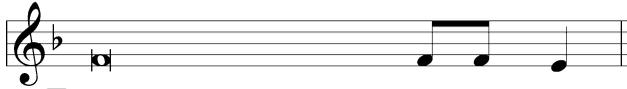
*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak  
Reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

## Service of Light

*Stand*



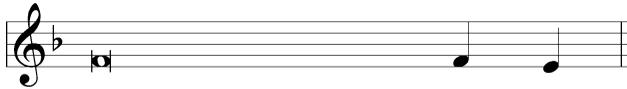
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



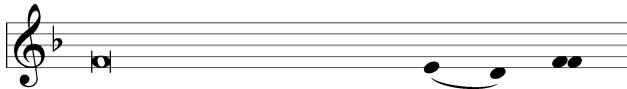
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

**Phos Hilaron**



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

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** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**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.

**G** Amen.

### Additional Psalms

#### Psalm

*Psalm 139*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and | known me!\*

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my | lying down\*  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is | on my tongue,\*  
behold, O LORD, you know it alto- | gether.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind | and before,\*  
and lay your hand up- | on me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me,\*  
it is high; I cannot | attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your | Spirit?\*

Or where shall I flee from your | presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!\*

If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the | morning\*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall | lead me,\*  
and your right hand shall | hold me.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall | cover me,\*  
and the light about me | be night,"

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not | dark to you;\*  
the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as | light with you.

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my | inward parts;\*  
you knitted me together in my | mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- | fully made.\*

Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it | very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hid- | den from you,\*

when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths | of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every | one of them,\*  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there were | none of them.

<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, | O God!\*

How vast is the | sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more | than the sand.\*  
I awake, and I am still | with you.

<sup>19</sup>Oh that you would slay the wicked, | O God!\*

O men of blood, de- | part from me!

<sup>20</sup>They speak against you with mali- | cious intent,\*  
your enemies take your | name in vain!

<sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, | O LORD?\*

And do I not loathe those who rise up a- | gainst you?

<sup>22</sup>I hate them with complete | hatred;\*

I count them my | enemies.

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and | know my heart!\*

Try me and | know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous | way in me,\*  
and lead me in the way ever- | lasting!

**▲ 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 # 499** *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our hearts Your  
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You, the gift of  
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's al - might - y  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed Your love in  
 5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And Your a - bid - ing



place of rest; Come with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid,  
 God Most High; The fount of life, the fire of love,  
 hand be - hold While You with tongues of fire pro - claim  
 ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our mor - tal state  
 peace be - stow; With You as our pro - tect - ing guide,



And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.  
 No e - vil can with us a - bide. A - men.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 And You, from both, as Three in One  
 That we Your name may ever bless  
 And in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

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### Readings From Holy Scripture

#### First Reading

*Ezekiel 37:21b-28*

<sup>21</sup>then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. <sup>22</sup>And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. <sup>23</sup>They shall not defile themselves anymore with their

idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

<sup>24</sup>“My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. <sup>25</sup>They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. <sup>26</sup>I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. <sup>27</sup>My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>28</sup>Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel

*St. Matthew 10:16-23*

<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,

<sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

### Hymn of the Day

**LSB # 880** *Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow*



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
 2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
 4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
 rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
 star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;  
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a - harm.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
 But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
 And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
 Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
 sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
 be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.

5 My loved ones, rest securely,  
 For God this night will surely  
 From peril guard your heads.  
 Sweet slumbers may He send you  
 And bid His hosts attend you  
 And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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**Sermon:** *Our Parts; His Thoughts*

**Stand/Magnificat**

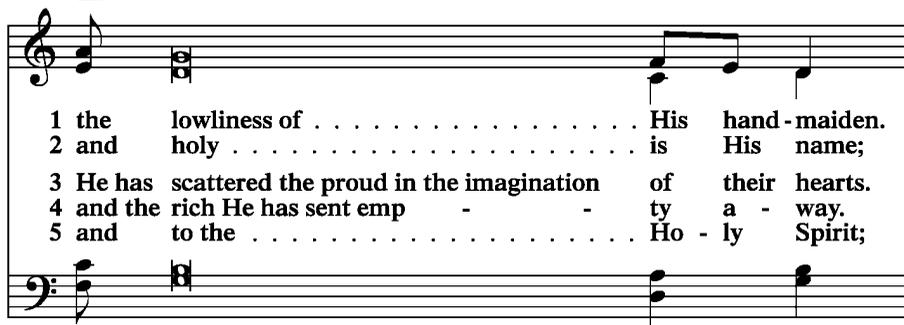


My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -

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

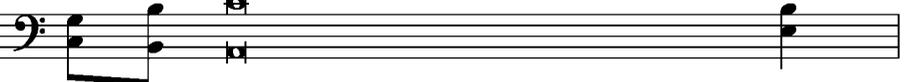
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For He has re - garded me,  
 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 blessed.  
 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.**

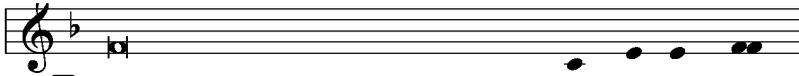
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

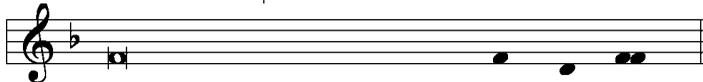
**C Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*



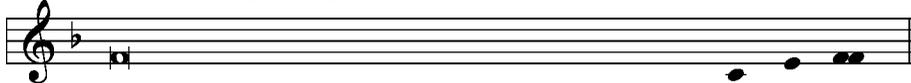
**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

*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:

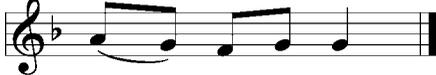
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**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  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

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