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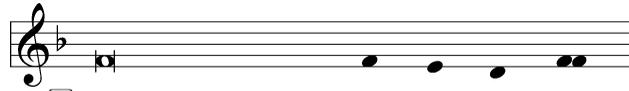
16 September 2020 ~ Vespers

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If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

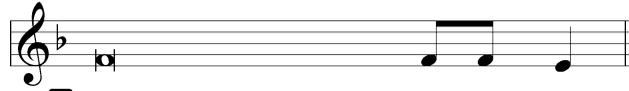
*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak
Reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

Service of Light

Stand



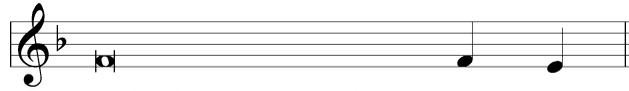
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



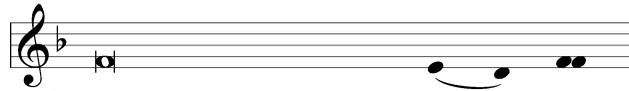
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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 - sed 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 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,*
and to you shall vows | be performed.

²O you who | hears prayer,*
to you shall | all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,*
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell | in your courts!*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your | temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our sal- | vation,*
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the | farthest seas;

⁶the one who by his strength established the | mountains,*
being girded | with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring | of their waves,*
the tumult of the | peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.*
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of | water,*
you provide their grain,
for so you have pre- | pared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,

settling its | ridges,*
softening it with showers,
and bless- | ing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your | bounty;*
your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,*
the hills gird them- | selves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,*
they shout and sing together | for joy.

▲ **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 # 883 *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;

Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading

Job 6:1, 7:1-21

¹Then Job answered and said:
¹“Has not man a hard service on earth,
and are not his days like the days of a hired hand?
²Like a slave who longs for the shadow,
and like a hired hand who looks for his wages,
³so I am allotted months of emptiness,
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.
⁴When I lie down I say, ‘When shall I arise?’
But the night is long,
and I am full of tossing till the dawn.
⁵My flesh is clothed with worms and dirt;
my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh.
⁶My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle
and come to their end without hope.
⁷“Remember that my life is a breath;
my eye will never again see good.
⁸The eye of him who sees me will behold me no more;
while your eyes are on me, I shall be gone.
⁹As the cloud fades and vanishes,
so he who goes down to Sheol does not come up;
¹⁰he returns no more to his house,
nor does his place know him anymore.
¹¹“Therefore I will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
¹²Am I the sea, or a sea monster,
that you set a guard over me?
¹³When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me,

my couch will ease my complaint,⁷
¹⁴then you scare me with dreams
and terrify me with visions,
¹⁵so that I would choose strangling
and death rather than my bones.
¹⁶I loathe my life; I would not live forever.
Leave me alone, for my days are a breath.
¹⁷What is man, that you make so much of him,
and that you set your heart on him,
¹⁸visit him every morning
and test him every moment?
¹⁹How long will you not look away from me,
nor leave me alone till I swallow my spit?
²⁰If I sin, what do I do to you, you watcher of mankind?
Why have you made me your mark?
Why have I become a burden to you?
²¹Why do you not pardon my transgression
and take away my iniquity?
For now I shall lie in the earth;
you will seek me, but I shall not be.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. John 7:1-13

¹After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ²Now the Jews’ Feast of Booths was at hand. ³So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” ⁹After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

¹⁰But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” ¹²And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” ¹³Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

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 # 586 *Preach You the Word*



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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Reading: *Large Catechism: Preface*

Stand/Magnificat



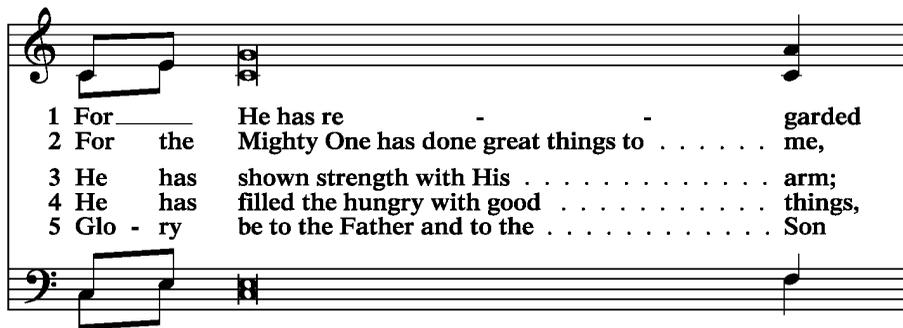
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re -



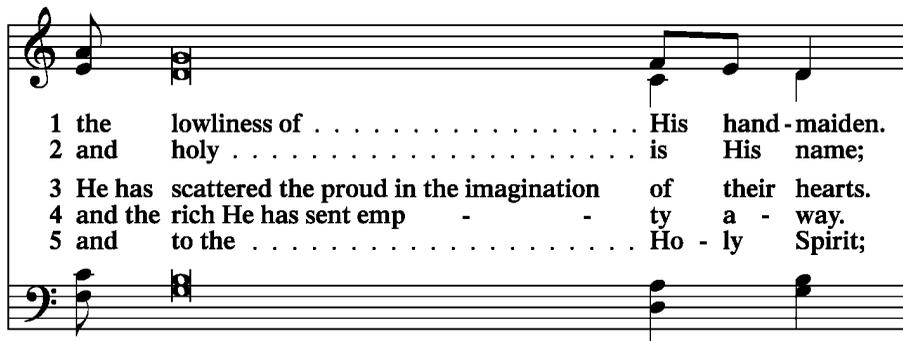
joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



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 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.

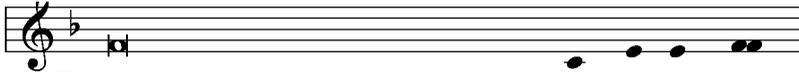
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

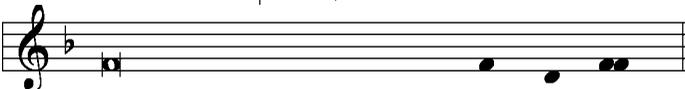
C Lord, have mercy.

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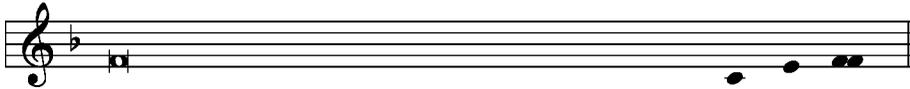
L For the faithful who have gone
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

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.

