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✠ WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY I ✠

*13 January 2021 ~ 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

*Stand*

### Versicles (Common)

- L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can overcome.
- L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** and the day is almost over.
- L** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** and illumine Your Church.

### Phos Hilaron

- L** Joyous light of glory:  
**C** of the immortal Father;  
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.  
We have come to the setting of the sun,  
and we look to the evening light.  
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
You are worthy of being praised  
with pure voices forever.  
O Son of God, O Giver of life:  
the universe proclaims Your glory.

### 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.

**C** Amen.

### Additional Psalms

#### Psalm

*Psalm 62*

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in | silence;\*  
from him comes my sal- | vation.

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\* I shall not be greatly | shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to | batter him,\*

like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

They take pleasure in | falsehood.\*

They bless with their mouths,

but inwardly | they curse.

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,\*  
for my hope is | from him.

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\* I shall not be | shaken.

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my | glory;\*  
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your heart be- | fore him;\*

God is a refuge | for us.

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
 those of high estate are a de- | lusion; \*  
 in the balances they go up;  
 they are together lighter | than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
 set no vain hopes on | robbery; \*  
 if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
 twice have I | heard this: \*  
 that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.  
 For you will render | to a man \*  
 according | to his work.

**▲ 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

*Isaiah 41:17-29*

<sup>17</sup>When the poor and needy seek water,  
and there is none,  
and their tongue is parched with thirst,  
I the LORD will answer them;  
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.  
<sup>18</sup>I will open rivers on the bare heights,  
and fountains in the midst of the valleys.  
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,  
and the dry land springs of water.  
<sup>19</sup>I will put in the wilderness the cedar,  
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.  
I will set in the desert the cypress,  
the plane and the pine together,  
<sup>20</sup>that they may see and know,  
may consider and understand together,  
that the hand of the LORD has done this,  
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

<sup>21</sup>Set forth your case, says the LORD;  
bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.

<sup>22</sup>Let them bring them, and tell us  
what is to happen.

Tell us the former things, what they are,  
that we may consider them,  
that we may know their outcome;  
or declare to us the things to come.

<sup>23</sup>Tell us what is to come hereafter,  
that we may know that you are gods;  
do good, or do harm,  
that we may be dismayed and terrified.

<sup>24</sup>Behold, you are nothing,  
and your work is less than nothing;  
an abomination is he who chooses you.

<sup>25</sup>I stirred up one from the north, and he has come,  
from the rising of the sun, and he shall call upon my name;  
he shall trample on rulers as on mortar,  
as the potter treads clay.

<sup>26</sup>Who declared it from the beginning, that we might know,  
and beforehand, that we might say, "He is right"?  
There was none who declared it, none who proclaimed,  
none who heard your words.

<sup>27</sup>I was the first to say to Zion, "Behold, here they are!"  
and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good news.

<sup>28</sup>But when I look there is no one;  
among these there is no counselor  
who, when I ask, gives an answer.

<sup>29</sup>Behold, they are all a delusion;  
their works are nothing;  
their metal images are empty wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*St. Mark 2:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>And when [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

<sup>2</sup>And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup>And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried

by four men. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup>Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup>And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup>And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

**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 #396** *Arise and Shine in Splendor*



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.

5 Your heart will leap for gladness  
 When from the realms of sadness  
 They come from near and far.  
 Your eyes will wake from slumber  
 As people without number  
 Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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**Reading: Large Catechism: 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment**

*Stand/*

**Magnificat**



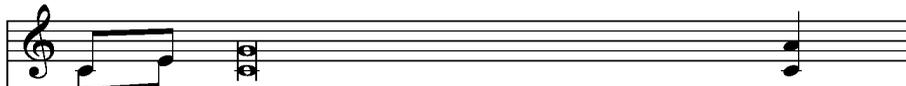
My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



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 empty a-way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Holy Spirit;

1 For behold, 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 beginning,

1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . generation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalted the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . Amen. *Refrain*

**Litany**

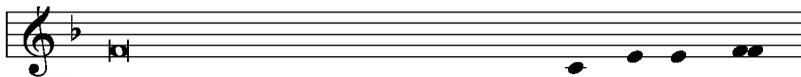
*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "Lord, have mercy." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble staff is a simple sequence of four quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, and A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with four chords, each consisting of a bass note and a triad: G2 (with G4, Bb4, and A4), A2 (with A4, Bb4, and G4), Bb2 (with Bb4, A4, and G4), and A2 (with A4, Bb4, and G4).

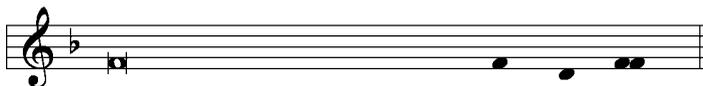
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for 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

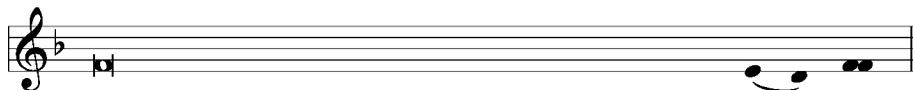


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**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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