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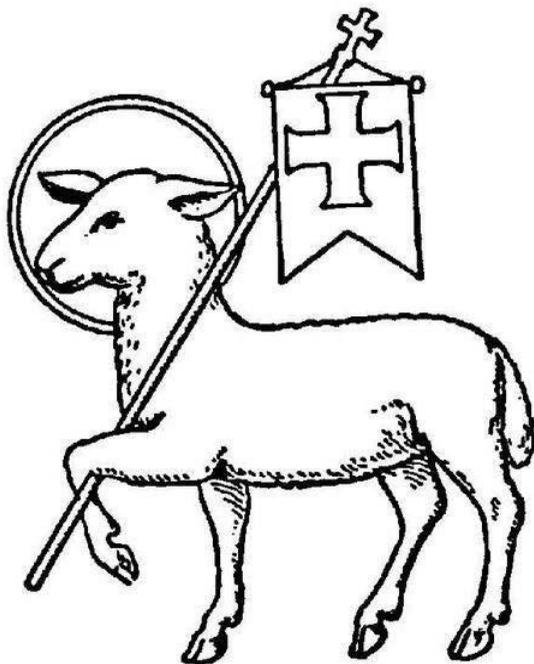
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✠ WEDNESDAY OF EASTER, WEEK II ✠

*14 April / 1 May 2021 ~ Vespers*

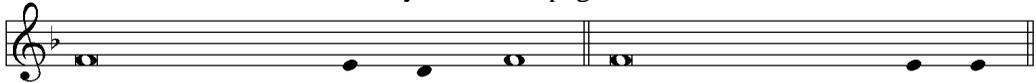
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If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

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

# Order of Evening Prayer, LSB

Service of Light

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☐ Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. ☑ Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



☐ We are illumined by the brightness of his ris - ing. ☑ Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



☐ Death has no more dominion o - ver us. ☑ Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

## Phos Hilaron



☐ Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



☑ 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** 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 68:1-20*

### Psalm

- <sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\*  
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!
- <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive | them away;\*  
as wax melts before fire,  
so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!
- <sup>3</sup>But the righteous shall be glad;  
they shall exult be- | fore God;\*  
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
- <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\*  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the LORD;  
exult be- | fore him!
- <sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows\*  
is God in his holy habi- | tation.
- <sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity,\*  
but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.
- <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your | people,\*  
when you marched through the | wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of | Sinai,\*  
before God, the God of | Israel.
- <sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you | shed abroad;\*  
you restored your inheritance as it | languished;
- <sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwell- | ing in it;\*  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.
- <sup>11</sup>The Lord | gives the word;\*  
the women who announce the news are a | great host:  
<sup>12</sup>“The kings of the armies—they | flee, they flee!”\*  
The women at home divide the | spoil—  
<sup>13</sup>though you men lie among the | sheepfolds—\*  
the wings of a dove covered with silver,  
its pinions with | shimmering gold.

<sup>14</sup>When the Almighty scatters | kings there,\*  
 let snow fall on | Zalmon.  
<sup>15</sup>O mountain of God, mountain of | Bashan,\*  
 O many-peaked mountain, mountain of | Bashan!  
<sup>16</sup>Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked | mountain,\*  
 at the mount that God desired for his abode,  
 yes, where the LORD will dwell for- | ever?  
<sup>17</sup>The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,  
 thousands upon | thousands;\*  
 the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctu- | ary.  
<sup>18</sup>You ascended on high,  
 leading a host of captives in your train  
 and receiving gifts a- | mong men,\*  
 even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may | dwell there.  
<sup>19</sup>Blesséd be the Lord,  
 who daily | bears us up;\*  
 God is our sal- | vation.  
<sup>20</sup>Our God is a God of sal- | vation,\*  
 and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances | from death.

**▲ 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**

*Sit*

**Office Hymn**

**LSB # 879** *Stay with Us*



1	Stay	with	us,	till	night	has	come:	Our	praise	to
2	Walk	with	us,	our	spir - its	sigh:	Hear	when	our	
3	Walk	with	us,	the	road	will	bend:	Make	all	our
4	Talk	with	us,	till	we	be -	hold	A	joy -	ful
5	Stay	with	us,	till	day	is	done:	No	tears	nor

You this day be sung. Bless our bread, O - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry, Feel a - gain Our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, For - give our  
life You will un - fold: Heal our eyes To see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, Your grace im -

eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to Your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

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## Readings from Holy Scripture

### I John 2:18-29

<sup>18</sup>Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup>They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. <sup>20</sup>But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. <sup>21</sup>I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. <sup>22</sup>Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup>No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup>Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup>And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup>I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. <sup>27</sup>But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything—and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you—abide in him.

<sup>28</sup>And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. <sup>29</sup>If you know that he is

righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

### St. Luke 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

**P** 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 # 465** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Reading

*Stand*

### Magnificat



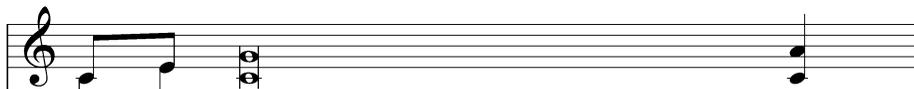
My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



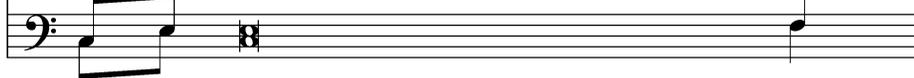
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the



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;

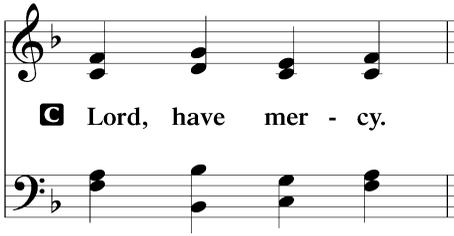
1 For behold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the beginning,

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 (sung)**

*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.*

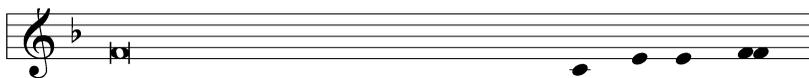
**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**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

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** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

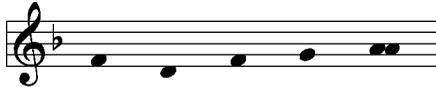
**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

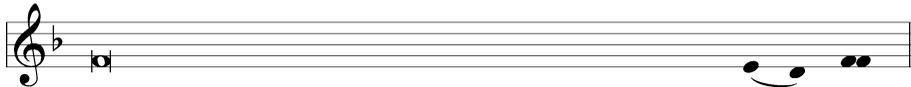


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**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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