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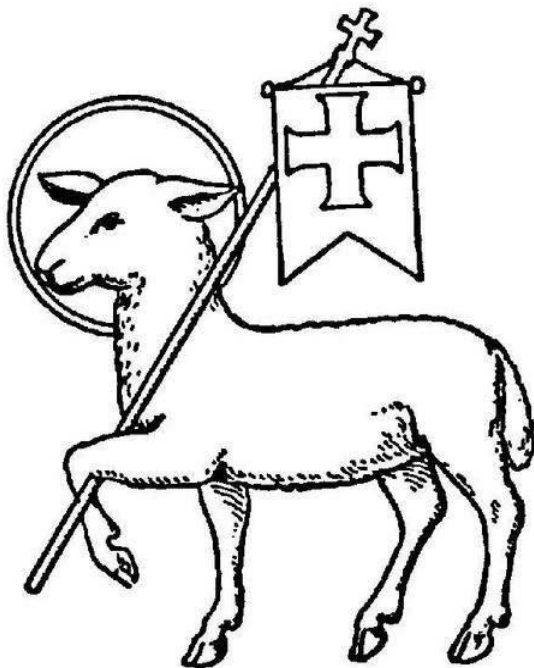
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✠ WEDNESDAY OF EASTER, WEEK IV ✠

28 April 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Vespers

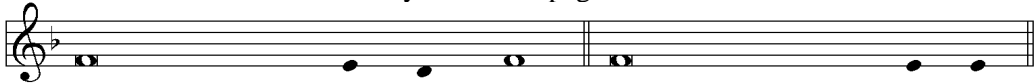
*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

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

Order of Evening Prayer, LSB

Service of Light

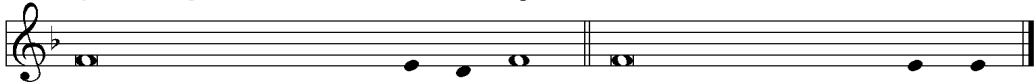
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☐ Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. ☑ Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



☐ 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.

I 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 114:1–8

¹When Israel went out from | Egypt,*
the house of Jacob from a people of strange | language,
²Judah became his sanctu- | ary,*
Israel his do- | minion.
³The sea | looked and fled;*
Jordan | turned back.
⁴The mountains skipped | like rams,*
the | hills like lambs.
⁵What ails you, O sea, | that you flee?*
O Jordan, that you | turn back?
⁶O mountains, that you | skip like rams?*
O | hills, like lambs?
⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence | of the Lord,*
at the presence of the God of | Jacob,
⁸who turns the rock into a pool of | water,*
the flint into a spring of | water.

**▲ 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**

Psalm

Psalm 117:1–2

¹Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
²For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. |
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

Sit

Office Hymn

LSB # 887 *Now the Light Has Gone Away*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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Readings from Holy Scripture

First Reading

Colossians 2:8–23

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on

asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

St. Luke 6:39–49

³⁹He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

⁴³“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

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 # 604 *I Bind unto Myself Today*



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
 4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By



in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His
 nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The



Three in One and One in Three.
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,
 ear to hear - ken to my need,
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;
 Three in One and One in Three,

Repeat after st. 1 only.



1
 (2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



1
 rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise



1
 com - ing at the day of doom,
 Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;



1
 I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

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Sermon

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 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 (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 mercy.



- 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.

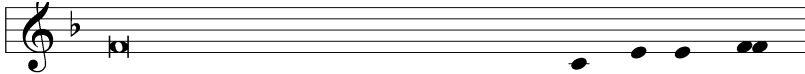
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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

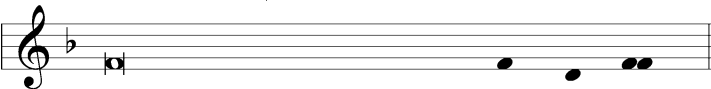
C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:



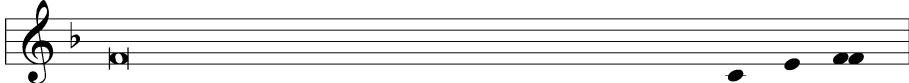
L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

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

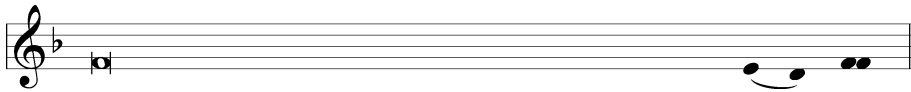


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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



C A - men.

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