

Midweek Lent Service March 9, 2022

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Evening Prayer

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

Phos Hilaron (O Joyful Light)

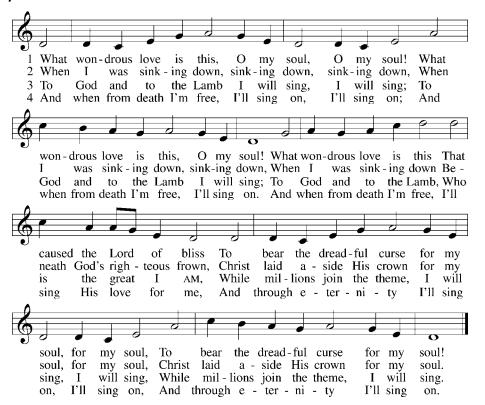
- **P** Joyous light of glory:
- of the immortal Father;
 heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
 We have come to the setting of the sun,
 and we look to the evening light.
 We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
 You are worthy of being praised
 with pure voices forever.
 O Son of God, O Giver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

Thanksgiving for Light

- P 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.
- G Amen.

Psalm Psalm 8

- P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- P When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



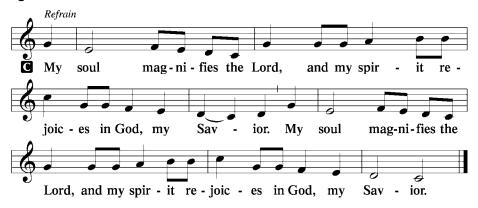
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²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

- In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon

Magnificat



- For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
 For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessèd.
 For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
 and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- Refrain
- He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C Refrain

Litany

- **P** 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.
- 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.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For Matt Harrison and Timothy Scharr, 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.
- For President Biden, Governor Pritzker, Mayor Marcus, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- Thanks be to God.
- L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer

- Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
- 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 Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

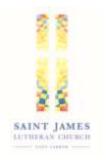
- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



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