



Midweek Lent Service

March 16, 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,
C the light no darkness can overcome.
- P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron (O Joyful Light)

- P** 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

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.

C Amen.

Psalm

P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

C both low and high, rich and poor together!

P My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

C I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

P Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

C those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

P Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

C for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

P that he should live on forever and never see the pit.

C For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

P Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.

C Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts.

C Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd,

P and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

C But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

P Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

C For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.

P For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed— and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—

C his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light.

P Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

C 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.

Hymn

My Worth Is Not in What I Own (sts. 1-2, ref.; sts. 3-4, ref.; st. 5, ref.)

My worth is not in what I own; not in
My worth is not in skill or name; in
As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; in
I will not boast in wealth or might, Fame, or
Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som

love at the cross. I re - joice in my Re -
flowed at the cross.
us at the cross.
Christ at the cross.
paid at the cross.

deem - er, Great - est trea - sure, Well - spring of my soul.

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

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Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–16

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.


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.

Sermon

Magnificat

Refrain



C 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.

L For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
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.

C Refrain

L 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.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Thanks be to God.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P 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

- P** 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

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.

Benediction

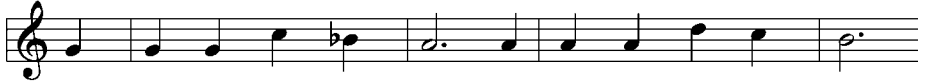
- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and
preserve you.
- C** Amen.



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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