

Midweek Lent Service

March 1, 2023

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.**
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- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- C** **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**
- P** For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
- C** **He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- P** You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- C** **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- P** A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- C** **You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- P** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**
- P** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- C** **On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- P** You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C** **“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.**
- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- C** **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”**
- 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.**
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1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
 2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
 3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
 4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
 Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
 Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
 Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
 Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1–11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,” and

“On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Offering

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.

P 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

P 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 Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and Rev. Timothy J. 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, 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 ... 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

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 you and keep you.
- C** Amen.
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Closing Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

- 1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.
- 2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.
- 3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

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Please mark your calendars to join us for Midweek Lent Worship Services as follows:

Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 15 @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 7 @ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9 @ 9:00 AM



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