

# Midweek Lent

March 19, 2025

## Evening Prayer

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

## Phos Hilaron (O Joyful Light)

- L** 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

- L** 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.

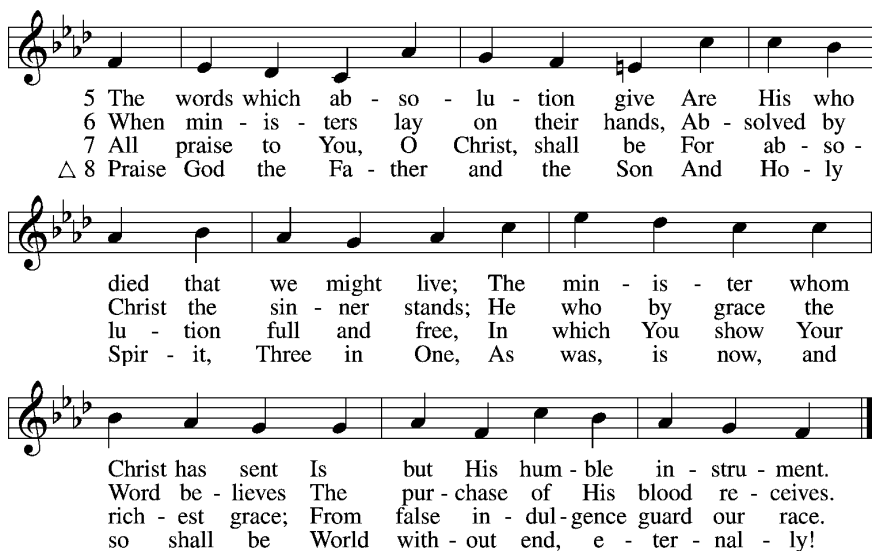
## Psalm

*Psalm 38*

- L** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!
- C** For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.
- L** There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
- C** For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- L** My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,
- C** I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.
- L** For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- C** I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- L** O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you.
- C** My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- L** My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.
- C** Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.
- L** But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
- C** I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
- L** But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
- C** For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!"
- L** For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.
- C** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
- L** But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
- C** Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good.
- L** Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!
- C** Make haste to help me, O Lord, 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

# Hymn: 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

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5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are His who  
6 When min - is - ters lay on their hands, Ab - solved by  
7 All - praise to You, O Christ, shall be For ab - so -  
△ 8 Praise God the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly

died that we might live; The min - is - ter whom  
Christ the sin - ner stands; He who by grace the  
lu - tion full and free, In which You show Your  
Spir - it, Three in One, As was, is now, and

Christ has sent Is but His hum - ble in - stru - ment.  
Word be - lieves The pur - chase of His blood re - ceives.  
rich - est grace; From false in - dul - gence guard our race.  
so shall be World with - out end, e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707

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## Reading

Luke 22:39–53

<sup>39</sup>And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” <sup>41</sup>And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” <sup>43</sup>And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup>And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup>And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” <sup>49</sup>And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

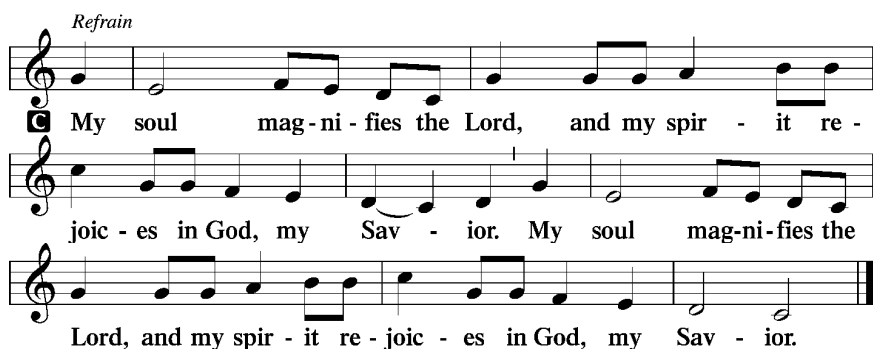
**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

# Sermon

## Magnificat

*Refrain*



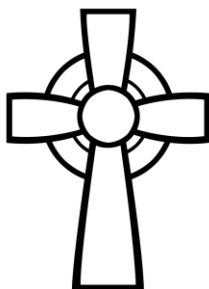
**C** My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

- 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

- 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 *Rev. Matt Harrison and Rev. Heath Curtis*, 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 *President Trump, Governor Pritzker, Mayor Short*, 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 . . . 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:  
**C** **Alleluia.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious 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

- L** 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:
- 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

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

## Hymn to Depart: 880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



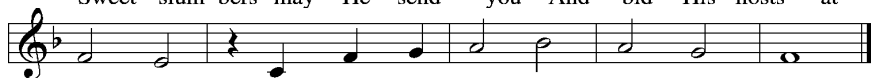
1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
 2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
 3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
 4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
 5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
 rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
 star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un-known;  
 wings a - bove me And shield me from a - harm.  
 night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
 But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
 And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
 Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
 Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
 sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
 be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
 o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
 tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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