

# Midweek Lent

March 26, 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 51*

**L** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**L** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

**L** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**C** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**L** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

**L** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**L** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**L** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**C** **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**L** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C** **For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

**L** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C** **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

**L** then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**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**

## To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup>And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup>And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup>They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup>And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

<sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, <sup>67</sup>"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup>and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup>So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup>Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

**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

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## Magnificat

*Refrain*



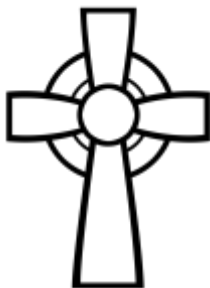
**C** My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

- 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.

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## Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sor - row  
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened  
down; By the bro - ken law con - vic - ted, Through the  
sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His  
voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in  
eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the  
cross, be - hold the crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to  
grace shall guide your feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to  
Him a - lone re - joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm -  
rest the cross sup - plies. All who taste it, All who  
Je - sus, look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.  
glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.  
and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be come their hap - py choice.  
taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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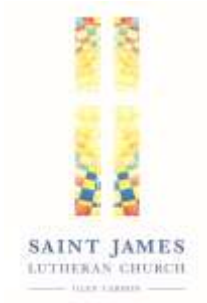
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