

# Midweek Lent Service

March 18, 2026

## Evening Prayer

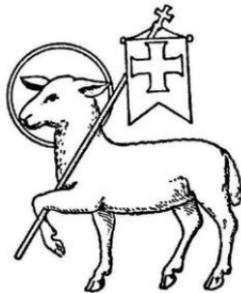
- L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**
- L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
- C** **and the day is almost over.**
- L** Let Your light scatter the darkness
- C** **and illumine Your Church.**

## 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.**



- L** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- C** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- L** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- C** who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- L** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- L** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- C** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- L** He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- C** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- L** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- C** as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- L** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- C** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- L** As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- C** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- L** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
- C** to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
- L** The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- C** Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- L** Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
- C** Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
- 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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## 447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

sts. 13–15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your  
14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly  
15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:  
work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:  
sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 23:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.  
<sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” <sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” <sup>5</sup>But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

John 19:28

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

- 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 - Pastor William Engfehr

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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

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## 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 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.**
- 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.**
- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer*

- 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.**

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## 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

- 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.

## 887 Now the Light Has Gone Away



- 1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



- Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.  
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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