

Midweek Lenten Worship – March 9, 2022

PRELUDE

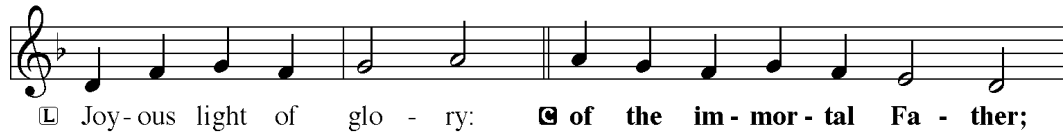
SERVICE OF LIGHT

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness,
and illumine your Church.

HYMN OF LIGHT



THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
For in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky
to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;
for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creating,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

**Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;
keep watch over the door of my lips.
Do not turn my heart to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.**

Let the righteous strike me;
let the faithful correct me.
Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.
When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,
then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.
Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,
so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.

**But my eyes are turned towards you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenceless.
Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,
and from the snares of evildoers.
Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I alone escape.**

Silence for meditation

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

Silence for meditation

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

Show me your | ways, O Lord,*
and teach | me your paths.

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love and for the sake
of your good- | ness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

He guides the humble in | doing right*
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

For your name's | sake, O Lord,*
forgive my sin, for | it is great.

Who are they who | fear the Lord?*

He will teach them the way that | they should choose.
They shall dwell | in prosperity,*
and their offspring shall inher- | it the land.

The Lord is a friend to | those who fear him,*
and will show | them his covenant.

**My eyes are ever looking | to the Lord,*
for he shall pluck my feet out | of the net.**

Silence for meditation

Lord our God, you show us your ways of compassion and love, and you spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMN LBW#278 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

All verses



- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
- 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
- 5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be-neath thine own al-might - y wings.
that with the world, my-self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe-some day.
sleep that shall me more vig-'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Silence for meditation

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURAL DIALOGUE

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.




From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.




The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con-ceil. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,



and has lift-ed up the low-ly. He has filled the



hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

He has come to the help of his ser- vant Is - ra - el,
 for he has re- mem- bered his prom- ise of mer- cy, the prom- ise he
 made to our fa- thers, to A- bra- ham and his chil- dren for- ev- er.
 Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men

THE SUFFRAGES

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
 have mercy on us.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.

Give us the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Give peace in all the world;
for only in you can we live in safety.

Keep the nations under your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

HYMN LBW#98 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE