

Midweek Lent 2025 Service of Light

"Christ's Passion According to St. Luke"

Stand

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,

C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

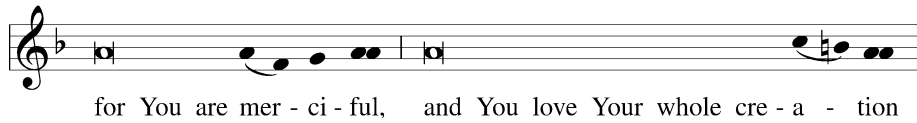
Thanksgiving for Light

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

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 mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



C A - men.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 141



C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



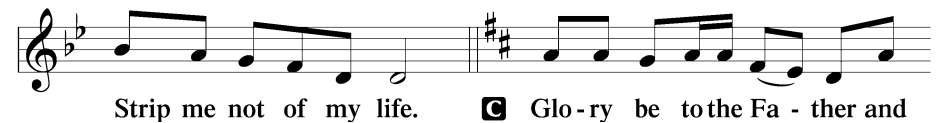
I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.




II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be 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.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

L Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on 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.

G Amen.

Psalm 116:1–14

K: I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**C: Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

K: The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;* I suffered distress and | anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”**

K: Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

**C: The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.**

K: Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.

**C: For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;**

K: I will walk be- | fore the LORD*
in the land of the | living.

**C: I believed, even | when I spoke,*
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;**

K: I said in | my alarm,*
“All mankind are | liars.”

**C: What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all his bene- | fits to me?**

K: I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD,

**C: I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Office Hymn #531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

Readings

Readings From Holy Scripture

After each reading is said:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

After the final reading is said:

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 **The Trail Pr. Mark Post**


Canticle

Stand

Magnificat



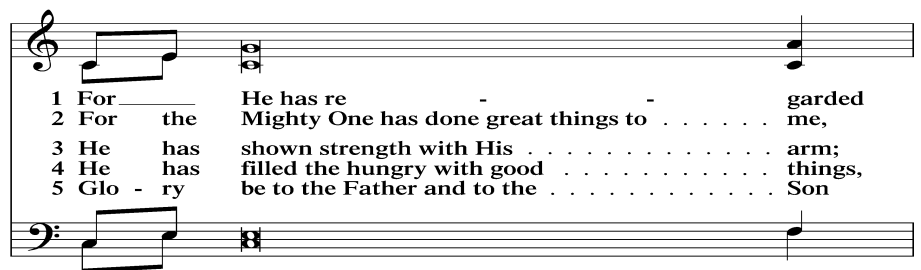
C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-



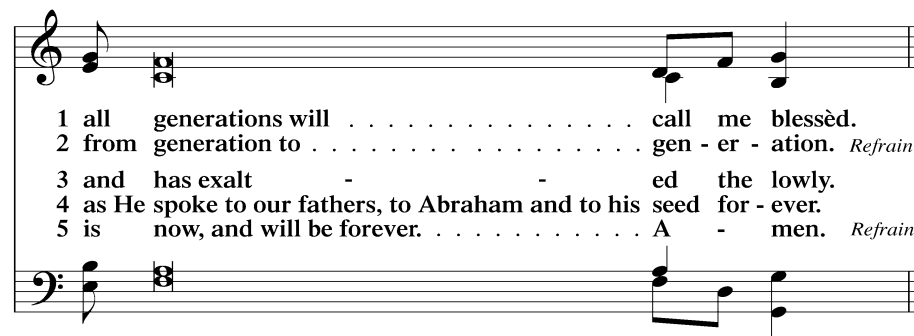
joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



1 For — He has re — garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen-er-ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt — ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A-men. *Refrain*

Sit

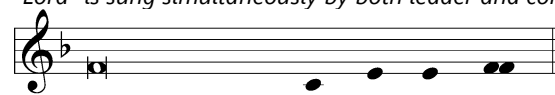
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Prayer

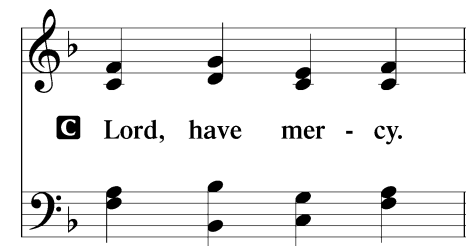
Kneel/Stand

Litany

The congregation's response begins just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer-cy.

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 [Matthew and Alan], 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 [name of president or monarch], 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.

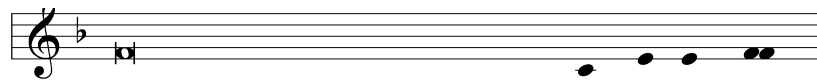
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

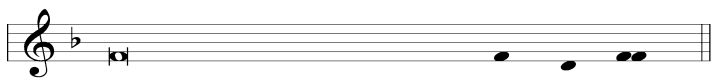
C Lord, have mercy.

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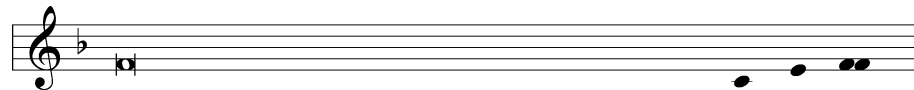


L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

Common: **C** Al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: **C** Thanks be to God.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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 A - men.

Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.**

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

