

Service of Light

Stand

- 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

LSB 244

- 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

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- L** Blessèd 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.**

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 141

LSB 245

- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,**
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.
- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,**
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- II** Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
- I** Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
- II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.
- 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.
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

- 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 72: 1-15

P: Antiphon: ¹⁵Long may he live;

may gold of Sheba be giv- | en to him!*

**May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him | all the day!**

K:¹Give the king your justice, | O God,*

and your righteousness to the | royal son!

C:²May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!

K:³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!

C:⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!

K:⁵May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

C:⁶May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!

K:⁷In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

C:⁸May he have dominion from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!

K:⁹May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him*
and his enemies | lick the dust!

C:¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him | tribute,*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

K:¹¹May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!

C:¹²For he delivers the needy | when he calls,*
the poor and him who has no | helper.

K:¹³He has pity on the weak and the | needy,*
and saves the lives of the | needy.

C:¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their life,*
and precious is their blood | in his sight.

K:¹⁵Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be giv- | en to him!*

C:May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him | all the day!

**C:Glorify 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.**

P: Antiphon

536 One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
heart, how de - vot was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her
steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -
ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -
Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
 Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
 vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
 tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
 vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

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Readings

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

Canticle

Stand

Magnificat *LSB 248*

Refrain



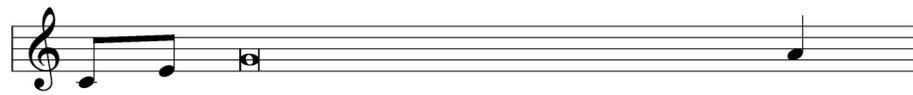
C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



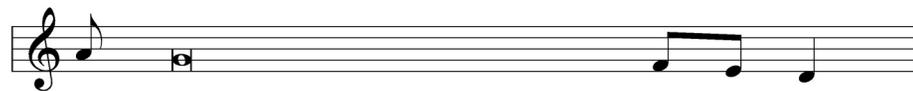
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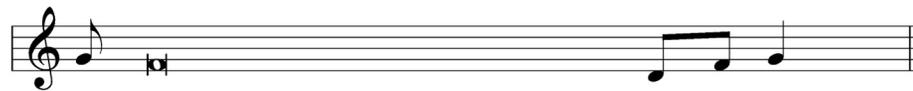
1 For ——— He has re - - - - - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



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

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Litany

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- 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 *[names of synodical and district presidents]*, 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.**

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** **Thanks by to God.**
- 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

LSB 251

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.**

Stand

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

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