

Order of Worship + March 25, 2020

Prelude

* Lenten Vespers

A: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over.

A: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and illumine your Church.

*HYMN: "Hymn of Light"



1. Light e - ter - nal, pure and bril - liant, shin - ing like stars,
2. Hap - py voi - ces praise you al - ways, Giv - er of Life.



Light of Fa - ther, Light of Je - sus, shine near and far,
Wor - thy of our praise e - ter - nal, through good and strife,



Day is dy - ing, sun de - scend - ing, on your light our eyes are set - tling,
Je - sus Son of God most hol - y, hear your child - ren's prayers so low - ly,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, our bright - est star.
U - ni - ver - ses glo - ri - fy you, Giv - er of Life.

A: The Lord be with you,

C: and also with you.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

A: 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.

First Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A: 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.

***Gospel Canticle:**

LBW 180 (tune @ LBW 278)

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My
2 For he a - lone who shows such might Has
3 His arm is strong; his strength is great. He
4 He feeds the hun - gry as his own; The

spir - it leaps for joy in him. He keeps me in his
done a - maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; his
scat - ters those of proud in - tent, And casts them down from
weal - thy leave with emp - ty hands. He gives his help to

kind re - gard, And I am blest for time to come.
name like light, Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
high es - tate; Then gives the low his nou - rish - ment.
Is - ra - el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

¹³ But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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Praise to the Father

1 Praise to the Fa - ther for his lov - ing - kind - ness, Ten - der - ly
 2 Praise to the Sav - ior for his deep com - pas - sion, Gra - cious - ly
 3 Praise to the Spir - it, com - fort - er of Is - rael, Sent from the

car - ing for his err - ing chil - dren; Praise him, all an - gels;
 car - ing for his cho - sen peo - ple; Young men and wom - en,
 Fa - ther and the Son to bless us! Praise to the Fa - ther,

praise him in the heav - ens; Praise to the Fa - - ther!
 ag - ing folk and chil - dren, Praise to the Sav - ior!
 Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it! Praise to the tri - une God!

Text: Elizabeth R. Charles, 1828-1896
 Tune: Friedrich F. Flemming, 1778-1813

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Silence for Meditation

*** Prayers of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church, for pastors, teachers, evangelists, bishops, and for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our 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.

P: 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.

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, 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.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation.

P: 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.

P: 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 the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C: Amen

*** Lord's Prayer**

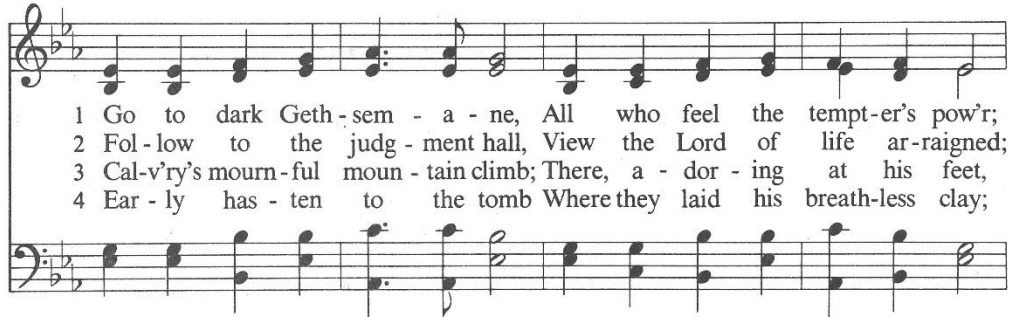
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

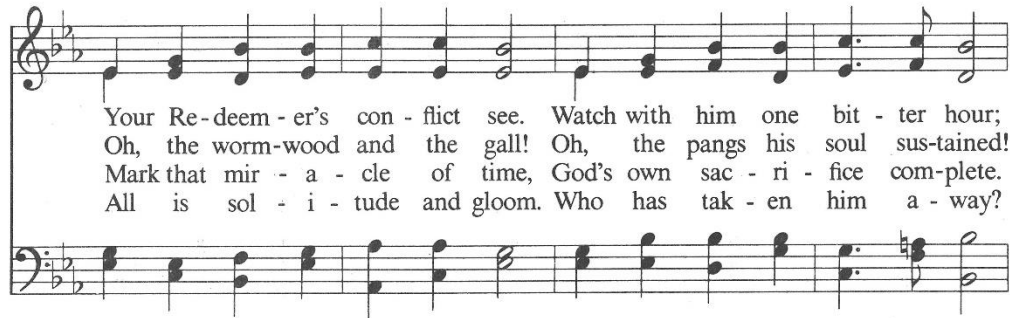
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

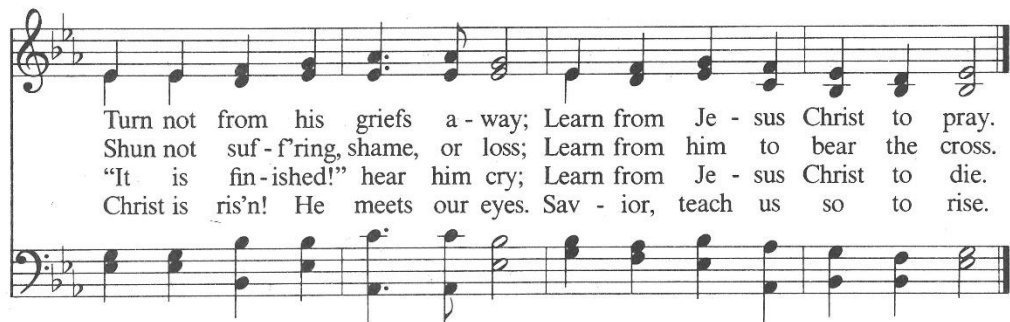
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1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his breath - less clay;



Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 Oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 All is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



Turn not from his griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

*Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901*

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*Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Amen.