

Order of Worship + April 1, 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 4:17-32

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; ¹⁸ they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart; ¹⁹ they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness. ²⁰ You did not so learn Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. ²² Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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.

***Gospel Announcement**

John 17:19-23

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

¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. ²⁰ "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²² The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me.

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised To all who fol - low you

Re - main for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 That where you are in glo - ry Your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle If you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If you will be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, then draw near - er To shield my soul from sin.
 Now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 Oh, give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my friend.

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.

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O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

In - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, And free us from our past.
 Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 So teach us to de - ny our - selves That we may know God's love.
 That when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

***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.

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