

"What shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour."

A LENTEN LITURGY OF EVENING PRAYER

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## AS WE GATHER

As we journey through this Lenten season and the days of Holy Week, we hear the voice of God the Father thundering down from heaven, and we see Jesus disappear from the public until He stands before them on trial before His crucifixion. In today's Reading from John 12, Jesus encourages us to walk in His light, lest darkness overtake us. Consider how blessed we are that Jesus allowed Himself to be overtaken by darkness so that we might walk forever in His marvelous light.



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Pastor Stephen Heimer

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** As we turn our eyes to Holy Week, we behold Jesus' final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.
- C** **He says that His soul is troubled.**
- P** He prays, "Father, glorify Your name."
- C** **The Father's voice echoes from the heavens.**
- P** "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
- C** **Jesus tells the people He will be lifted up, pointing them to the cross.**
- P** The people fail to understand who Jesus is.
- C** **But He encourages them to walk in the light, lest darkness overtake them.**
- P** Then He hid Himself from them.
- C** **Lord, grant that we walk in the light of Christ, lest darkness overtake us.**

## OPENING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have In Jesus" LSB 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



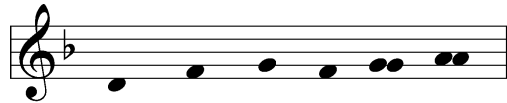
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



## 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 -

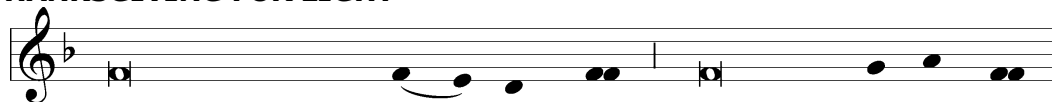


ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



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

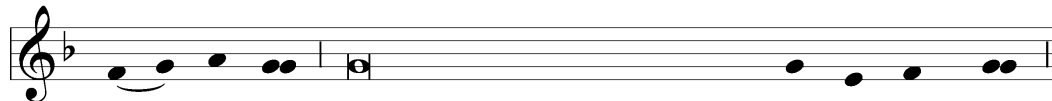
## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT



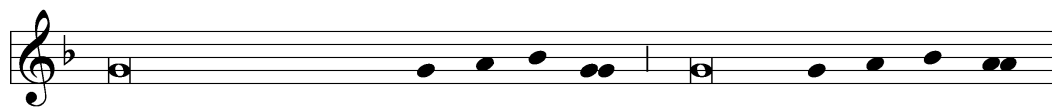
**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



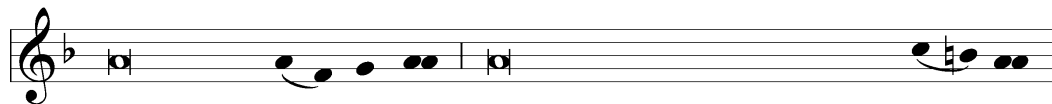
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



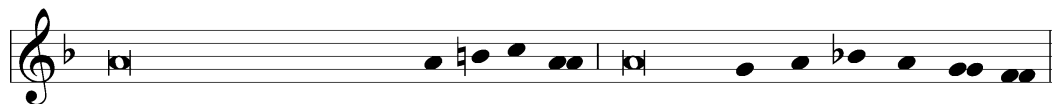
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



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.

### + PSALMODY +

#### PSALM 141



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



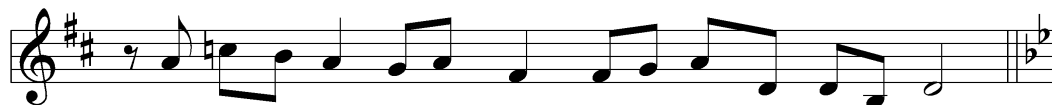
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**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.

### PSALM PRAYER

I 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.

### + READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE +

#### EPISTLE LESSON

(Christ has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.)

1 Peter 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

I O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL LESSON

(Jesus makes His final public appearance before His trial and crucifixion.)

John 12:23–36

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

## HYMN

"Abide With Me" LSB 878



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me.

## SERMON

Bold Love: "Bold Final Appearance"

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"Come Change My Heart" (Renuévame)

Come, change my heart, Lord Jesus Christ Make my weary soul anew.  
come, change my heart, Lord Jesus Christ- make me holy, more like You.

Because ev'rything I hold inside of me longs to know the healing you will provide.  
Because ev'rything I am, and ev'ry pulse of my heart. needs the grace that comes from You.

Renuévame, Señor Jesús, Ya no quiero ser igual  
Renuévame, Señor Jesús Pone en mi Tu corazón

Porque todo lo que hay dentro de mi Necesita ser cambiado Señor  
Porque todo lo que hay dentro de mi corazón necesita más de ti.

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## + PRAYER +

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** **And let my cry come to You.**

*various petitions may be offered*

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world that has shined in our darkness. Guide our footsteps to walk in Your light and be freed from the darkness of the evil one, so that we might reflect Your light to others who still sit in darkness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

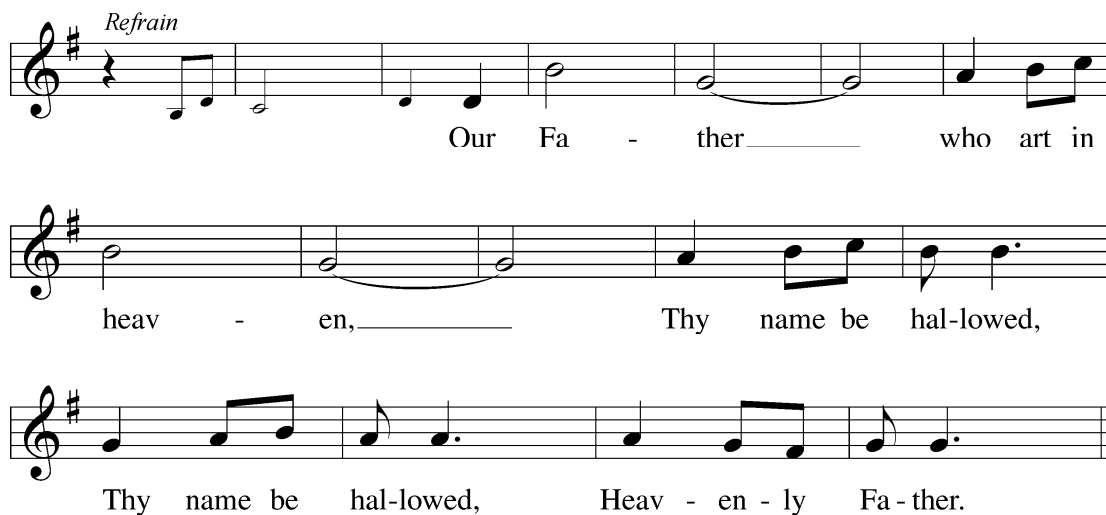
## EVENING PRAYER

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father" LSB 958

*Refrain*



Our Fa - ther who art in  
heav - en, Thy name be hal-owed,  
Thy name be hal-owed, Heav - en - ly Fa - ther.



1 May Thy king - dom come to us, O  
 2 Give us this day, O Lord, our dai - ly  
 3 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,



Lord; May Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord; As in  
 bread; Lord, for - give our tres - pass - es, we pray, As  
 Lord, Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, But de -



heav - en so on earth may Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord.  
 we for - give all those who tres - pass a - gainst us, Lord.  
 liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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## BENEDICAMUS

John 20:31

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior" LSB 527 (sung to the tune of "Church's One Foundation" LSB 644)

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;  
 O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
- 2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought  
 Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
- 3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
 The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

Pastor John Benito, *piano*

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