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Midweek of Lent 5

The Benefits of Holy Communion

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WELCOME, as together we worship God and continue our Lenten preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We gather in His house as we go through this Lenten season to remember the many short-comings in our lives and make the work of Christ even more meaningful. We pray our worship together will strengthen you for the coming week.

Please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack and hand it to an usher as you leave this evening.

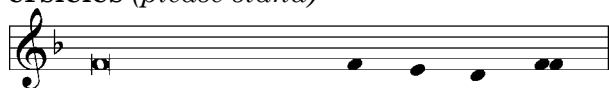
Thank you to the Elders and Deacons who served us the final meal of this Lenten season. Thanks to all our groups who provided a meal this year. We appreciate the delicious food and the opportunity for fellowship.

The offering will be collected as you enter/leave the sanctuary.

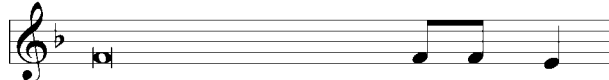
Prelude
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship
Service of Evening Prayer-LSB page 243

Versicles (*please stand*)



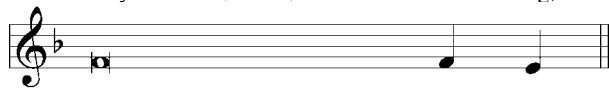
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



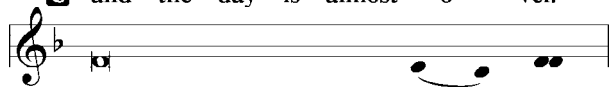
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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

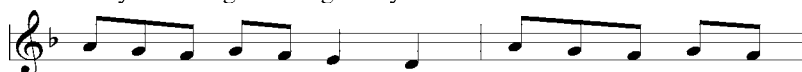


C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

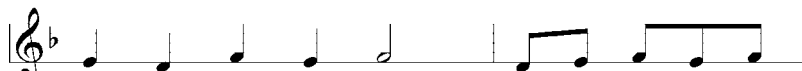
Hymn of Light



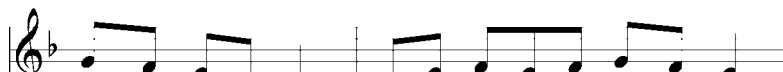
L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



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



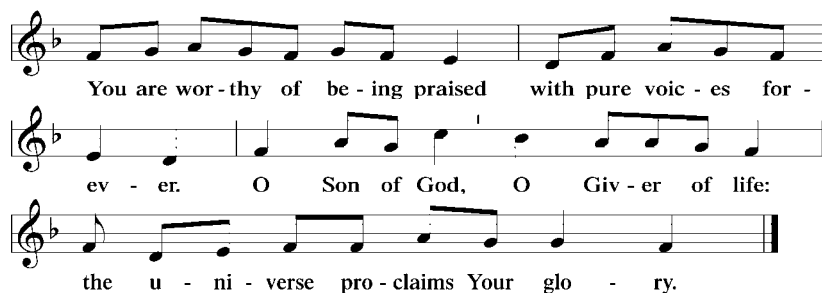
bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



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:



Thanksgiving for Light

L 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.



Psalm 141 (*all sing together*)



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.

Prayer

P 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.

(be seated)

First Reading*Matthew 22:1-14*

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading V

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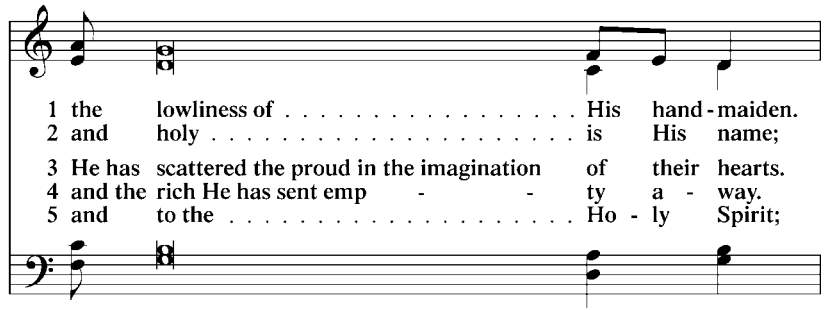
- P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**
- P Who receives this Sacrament worthily?
- C **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

Message

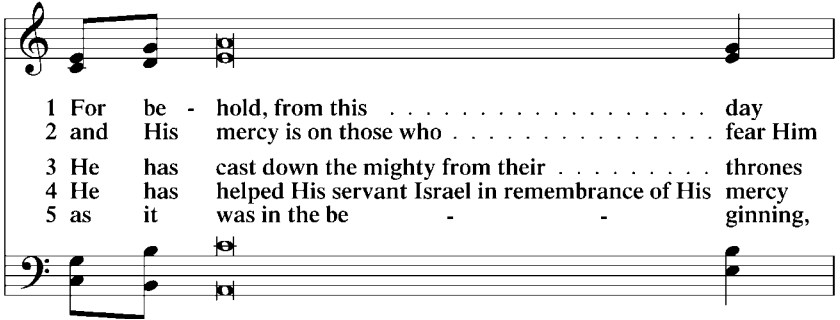
Magnificat *(please stand)*

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.

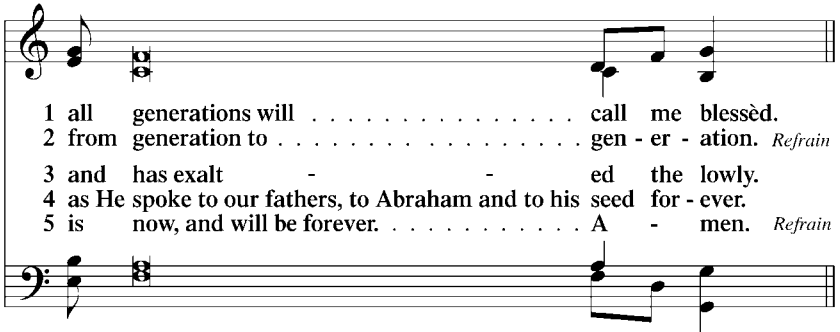
1 For He has re-garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 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 empty away.
 5 and to the Holy 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 blessed.
 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*

Litany

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.**

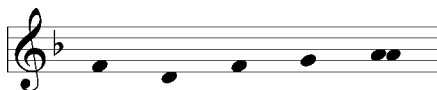
- L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all pastors 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 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 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 the sick and hospitalized for those struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual needs and for those whom we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Help, save. comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

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

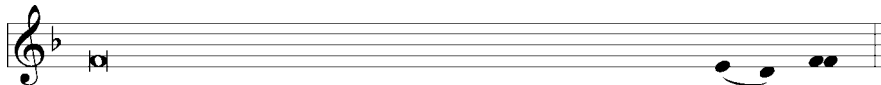



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

(be seated)

Closing Hymn

LSB #439 vs 1, 13-15

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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Palm Sunday
April 13
Worship with Communion
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 17
6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday
April 18
6:30 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday!
April 20
7:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
Breakfast served in between services.
9:15 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

