

## Introduction - The Disciplines of Lent: Service

**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

LSB 245

**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.**

## Psalms 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.**

## Reading

Matthew 20:17–28

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are

able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Reading Response

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
  
- 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 "The Disciplines of Lent: Service"

#### Magnificat

LSB 248

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.  
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For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.  
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He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.  
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.

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#### Litany (Lent)

LSB 249

- L** ...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 be 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.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 252

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 252

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{I}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the \_apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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