



**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
**Sixth Wednesday in Lent**  
**April 10th, 2019**

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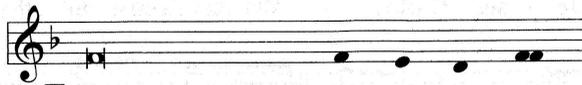


**The Service of Evening Prayer** contrasts the images of light and darkness as a way to describe the light of Christ entering a dark world. The presence of Christ entering the sanctuary at evening is symbolized by the candle entering the sanctuary during the opening verses. The songs depict a hopeful congregation looking to Christ to deliver them from the darkness of the world as they send up the incense of repentant prayer to God.

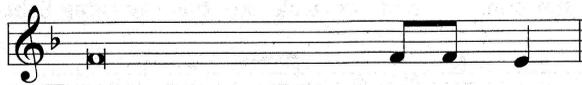
## **Welcome**

## **Prelude**

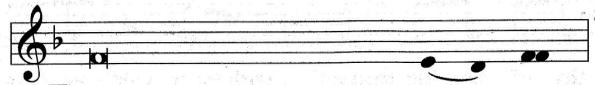
## **Opening Verses**



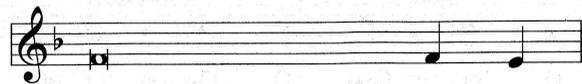
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



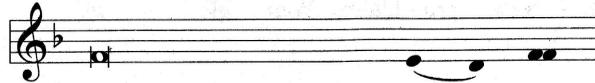
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**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.

**PHOS HILARON** *≈ 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:



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.

[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

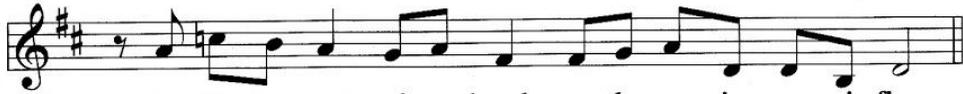
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

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[C] A - men.



**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.

## Collect

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 may glorify You forever.

**C: Amen**

## Hymn

**TLH 370** *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

## Reading

**Zephaniah 3:12-20**

But I will leave in your midst  
a people humble and lowly.  
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord,  
those who are left in Israel;  
they shall do no injustice  
and speak no lies,  
nor shall there be found in their mouth  
a deceitful tongue.  
For they shall graze and lie down,  
and none shall make them afraid.”  
Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;  
 he will exult over you with loud singing.  
 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
 so that you will no longer suffer reproach.  
 Behold, at that time I will deal  
 with all your oppressors.  
 And I will save the lame  
 and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise  
 and renown in all the earth.  
 At that time I will bring you in,  
 at the time when I gather you together;  
 for I will make you renowned and praised  
 among all the peoples of the earth,  
 when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes," says the Lord.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

*Refrain*

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 emp - ty a - way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly 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 blessèd.  
 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:

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 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.**

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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 toil, 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, wrath, danger, and need let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Help save comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

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**

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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

*[Psalm 103:1]*



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

