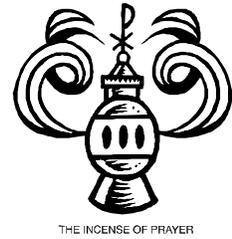


Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, for round us falls the eventide.  
O let your word, that saving light, shine forth undimmed into the  
night. ~ St. Philip Melanchthon, 1540



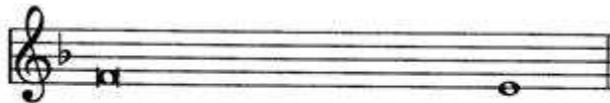
## THE LITURGY OF VESPERS

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

*Please stand.*

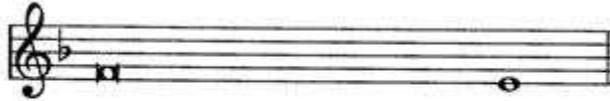
### SERVICE OF LIGHT

L: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



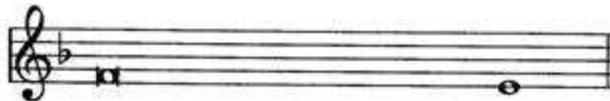
Alleluia, alleluia, alle - luia.

L: We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.



Alleluia, alleluia, alle - luia.

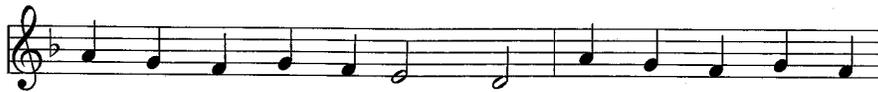
L: Death has no more dominion over us.



Alleluia, alleluia, alle - luia.

*Please light your candle from the aisle candles.*

L: Joyous light of glory:



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



bless - 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.

**THE THANKSGIVING**

L: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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.  
 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge.  
 Strip me not of my life. Glo - ry 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.

*Silence for reflection.*

**L:** Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon 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 and ever.

**C:** Amen

*You may leave your candle burning, or extinguish it, as you wish.*

**PSALM 98**

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together**

L: before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**All: 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.**

*Silence for reflection.*

**PSALM PRAYER**

L: Lord, we sing to you a new song, for your victory is ever new. In the empty tomb you have given us a glimpse of your future, and in your victory over death you have shown us how we shall overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing together, we too will praise you for your great triumph, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

**HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE LESSON** Jude 1: 3-4, 17-25

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup> For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.<sup>17</sup> But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." <sup>19</sup> It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

<sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**RESPONSORY**

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.**

*Please stand (during the Easter season, we do not kneel for prayer).*

THE MAGNIFICAT "My Soul Rejoices"



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed: The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



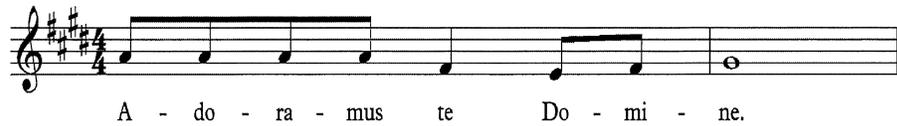
Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

**THE LITANY** Adoramus Te Domine (“We adore you, O Lord”)

*The response is introduced by the pastor.*

*The congregation then sings it following each petition.*

Response (R):



- L: With the angels and archangels: **R**
- With the patriarchs and prophets: **R**
- With the Virgin Mary mother of God: **R**
- With the Apostles and evangelists: **R**
- With all the martyrs of Christ: **R**
- With all who witness to the Gospel of the Lord: **R**
- With all your people of the Church throughout the world: **R**

**PRAYER**

- L: I thank you, my heavenly Father,
- C: **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**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

- L: 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, forever and ever. Amen**

**BENEDICAMUS**

L: Let us bless the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.



☐ A - men

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Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

**Church Offerings** may be placed in the wall-box to the left of the chapel chancel.

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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