

Lenten Mid-week Services 2021
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Hymn texts are provided so you may read along while the soloist sings.

Opening

P *Behold, now is the acceptable time*

C **now is the day of salvation.**

P *Turn us again, O God of our salvation,*

C **that the light of your face may shine on us.**

P *May your justice shine like the sun;*

C **and may the poor be lifted up.**

Hymn of Light

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

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*Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine one ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.*

*In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.*

*You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.*

Thanksgiving for Light

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P** *We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*
- C** **Amen.**

Psalmody

Psalm 57:1-3, 9-11

- P** *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.*
- C** **I will call upon the Most High God, the God who is with me to the end.**
- P** *O God, you will send from heaven and save me, rebuking those who trample upon me, you will send forth your love and your faithfulness.*
- C** **I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O Lord; I will sing praise to you among the nations.**
- P** *For your steadfast love is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*
- C** **Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.**

A time of silence.

- P** *Merciful God, refuge in times of trouble, our only hope in living, and our only salvation in dying, keep us in your care, that we may always praise you and faithfully proclaim your name before the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

Word

God Says > We Say video

from Delaware-Maryland Synod's Racial Justice Team

- P** *Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,*
- C** **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

*My soul does magnify the Lord; my spirit sings of God my Savior,
for he has looked with love and favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all will call me blest, from now through all the coming ages.
The Lord has done great things for me and holy is his name.*

*His mercy touches those who love, and those who serve... one another.
And with great strength he has scattered all the proud in their conceit.*

*He cast the mighty from their thrones, and he has lifted up the lowly.
He fills the hungry with good things while others turn away.*

*He comes to all who seek his love, for he remembers the promise
that he made to Abraham and to the children of God.*

*All glory be to God on high, and to his Son, ... God the Savior,
and to the Spirit of life and truth that burns within our hearts.*

*Just as it was, it is today, and it shall last through all tomorrows,
and so my soul magnifies the Lord; praise God forever. Amen.*

Prayers

P *Show us your mercy, O God,*
C **and grant us your salvation.**

P *Give us the joy of your saving help again,*
C **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

P *Give peace in all the world;*
C **for only in you can we live in safety.**

P *Keep the nations under your care,*
C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P *Let your way be known upon earth;*
C **your saving health among all nations.**

P *Let not the needy be forgotten,*
C **nor the hope of the poor taken away.**

P *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
C **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit,**

P *Lord, hear my prayer,*
C **and let my cry come before you.**

P *For whom shall we pray?*

Names may be spoken aloud or remembered silently.

P *We entrust all these to you, through Christ our Lord.*
C **To you, O God.**

P *We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. For into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.*
C **Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

P *Let us bless the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

P *The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.*
C **Amen.**

Video Discussion