

HOPE & GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Wednesday Evening Worship

June 3, 2020

The Visitation (May 31st)

ELW Book of Worship

Evening Prayers (Vespers)

Opening

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P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**
P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: **and the day is almost over.**
P: Let your light scatter the darkness
C: **and illumine your church.**

P: God is our light and our salvation,
C: **our refuge and our stronghold.**
P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: **we praise your name, O God.**
P: For with you is the fountain of life,
C: **and in your light we see light.**

Thanksgiving for Light

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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 creates we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Psalmody

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C: Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evil doers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.
Glory 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. Amen

Gospel

Luke 1: 35 - 56

Message: Lend an Ear

Canticle

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P: Jesus said I am the light of the world
C: **Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**
P: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Prayers

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 there their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P: Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord

C: To you, O Lord.

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures

of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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**

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The 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.

**P: Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.**

C: Amen.

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