

Midweek of the Fourth Sunday in Lent * March 25, 2020

Evening Prayer

P: Now is the time of God's favor;
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.

The Lamplighting Hymn

(tune: *Eventide*, TLH 552)

O Joyous Light, O Holy Glorious Grace,
Eternal splendor, of the Father's Face.
O Blessed Jesus Christ, how joyfully
In Your appearing we Your glory see!

Now, as the day has faded into night,
In evening we behold the dimming light.
Into our flesh, God's Son from heaven came
Lord Jesus Christ we ever praise Your Name.

We sing to God, the Father, holy songs,
To God the Spirit all our hymns belong.
O Holy Son, life-giver, God most High,
Forever Your creation glorifies.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P: Blessed 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.
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The Reading of the Passion History, Part 4

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.

Hymn, "Go to Dark Gethsemane" 436

Sermon: "Pilate Wants Jesus to Die" John 19:10-16

Canticle Hymn, "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" 938
(1,3: Solo; 2, 4: ALL)

Offering

Litany page 249 ff.

Hymn, "Christ, Mighty Savior" 881

Credits: The canticle hymn, "O Joyous Light" is of anonymous second century Greek authorship, and was translated from the original and arranged by Rev. Jeffrey McPike, first written in 1994.