

Lenten Midweek 6
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Prelude *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

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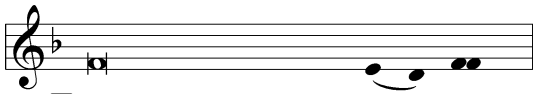
All mankind fell in Adam's fall; one common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends, and over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps and us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.

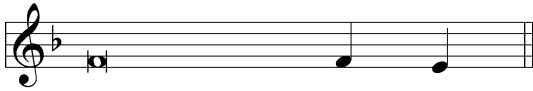
From hearts depraved, to evil prone, flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came to bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way, our only hope, our only stay.

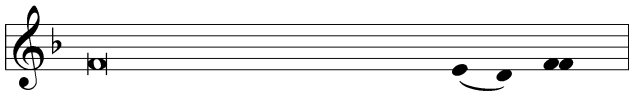
Versicles for Lent (*stand*)



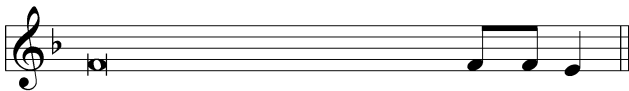
L Now is the time of God's fa - - vor;



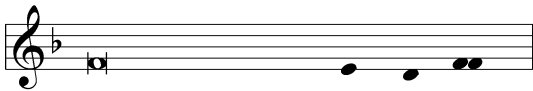
C now is the day of sal-va - - tion.



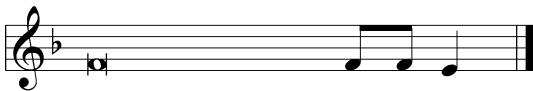
L Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - - tion,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.



L May Your justice shine like the sun;



C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

Phos Hilaron

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L Joyous light of glory:

C **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

Thanksgiving for Light

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L Blessèd are You . . . glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

Psalms 141

**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 evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.**

**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.**

**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalmody Prayer

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L Let the incense of our repentant prayer . . . may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

Reading *The Fall*

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-22; 3:1-13, 21-24

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—"

²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

L O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading Response

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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.**

Office Hymn "Our Father, Who in Heaven Above"

LSB 766, sts. 7-8

**Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.**

Sermon "The Windows of the Nave – 6th and 7th Petitions"

The Lord's Prayer

Magnificat (*stand*)

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Litany

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction "Grant Peace, We Pray"

LSB 777

Closing Hymn "Our Father, Who in Heaven Above"

LSB 766, st. 9

**Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

Postlude