

Coronavirus Crisis  
Special Order of Worship  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP MATINS

### OPENING VERSICLES



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

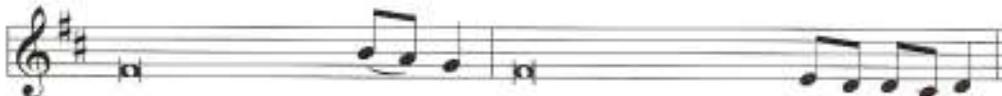


**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Advent:* Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## THE COMMON ANTIPHON



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## THE VENITE

**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a-bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry-land.  
  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho-ly Spir-it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**THE COMMON ANTIPHON**

**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.  
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**FIRST READING****Psalm 46:1-11**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields<sup>[d]</sup> with fire. <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." <sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING****Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HOMILY

In our prayers this week: **Meg Coffed** (Bypass surgery on Friday), **The mother of Debra Dziengielewski** (hospice care), **Walter Kahneal** (hospitalized) **All those ill** from the Coronavirus.

All Doctors, nurses, medical researchers, and hospital workers, all police, fire, Ems, Emergency Managers, dispatcher, and public servants. All political leaders in the fed-

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the great physician of our bodies and our souls. In your earthly ministry, you traveled through towns and villages curing all kinds of disease and illness. At your command the sick were made well.  
Come now to our aid, that in the midst of much illness, we might know the touch of your healing hand and the power of your healing love.

Be with those who are sick from this coronavirus that they might regain strength and health, be with doctors, nurses, all hospital staff and all emergency service workers that they might be protected and given strength to work for the wellbeing of our communities, be with medical researchers give to them wisdom and insight that a cure and vaccine might be discovered,

Lord we pray your healing presence on those from our congregation with special need, especially; Walter, Meg and Debra mom and the Dziengielewski family.  
be with all leaders give to them patience and insight to discern well for the good of all people.

be with those who mourn that their hearts might be consoled in the certainty of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ— our way to life and peace forever.

Finally, gracious and all loving Jesus, ease our anxiety with your strong presence; let fear give way to faith and trust in you. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ; our Savior and Lord.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

P: I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?

C: **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

C: **indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: **the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;

C: **the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER** (time for personal reflection and a quiet moment)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Your Gifts**– If you have an offering that you would like to contribute who can mail it in to the church, you can give through our website, or you can sign up for automatic withdrawals. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me in the office or contact Mike Brown, our financial director.

**Easter Flowers**– Due to circumstances, we are no longer accepting orders for Easter flowers. Cherie Lysiak is working to get in contact with the Florist to determine their recommendations and a plan. At this time we are leaning at not cancelling the order, but still decorating the church for Easter (video service) and then having those who ordered pick them up at a collection point outside the church building.

**Anniversary Celebration**– At this point so much is up in the air. Cherie Lysiak is working to get in contact with the folks at Ripa's and the Anniversary Committee will be discussing a plan and possible postponement.

**The Rite of Confirmation**– Those in 8th grade will make their confirmation this year! The date however may be changed, depending on the length of our closure. Students are encouraged to CONTINUE WORKING ON THEIR LESSONS!!!!!!

**Weddings, Funerals and Emergency Baptisms**– These events will be handled on a case by case basis.

**Holy Week**– The Seder Meal is cancelled. Details of Holy week Services still being worked out.

**Text Alerting**– Please visit our website for directions on how to sign up for text alerts! It would be VERY, VERY helpful if many of you would sign up... especially during these trying times. The text alerts are an effective way to communicate information to all of you.

**Website**– Please check our church website frequently– [www.sjlcdepew.com](http://www.sjlcdepew.com) we are posting new information regularly and this is where you will all the audio and video recordings of worship. We have also added a new section for prayer requests and special needs requests.

