You Meant It For Evil, But God Meant It For Good

2022 Midweek Lent Services

Opening Hymn

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

A candle may be lighted.

Confession & Absolution

- And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying I do confess.
- I do confess
- Truly, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

 Do you sincerely repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.
- I do repent.
- Truly, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.
 - Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.
- C I do believe.
- Truly, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will from this moment on leave behind your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

C I do promise.

Truly, you should promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let your light shine before Men that they may see you good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

I do believe.

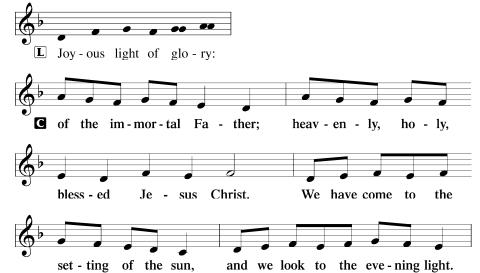
P Let it be done for you as you believe.

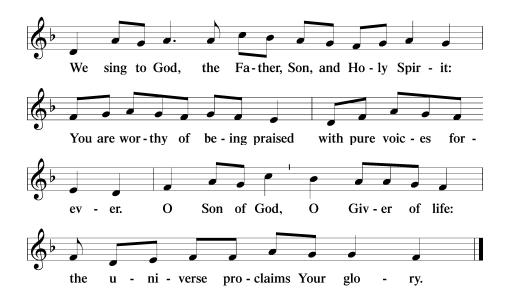
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the 🕂 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Phos Hilaron







A Reading of Our Lord's Passion

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of the Day

The Word of the Lord

Homily

Prayers of the Church and Concluding Prayer

- Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake. Amen.
- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

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