

April 10, 2019  
Fifth Wednesday in Lent  
The Blind Side:  
Accepting

JOYOUS LIGHT  
EVENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PART

RAY MAKEEVER

# JOYOUS LIGHT EVENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Open Our Eyes to the Word*



1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this night  
2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share  
3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring



fill up our hearts and give us new sight. May our prayers, may our  
fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our tears, may our  
fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we serve, may we



praise give us light for our days, and o - pen our lives to the Word.  
fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and o - pen our lives to the Word.  
dance, may we all take that chance; and o - pen our lives to the Word.



O - pen our lives to the liv - ing Word.  
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O - pen our hearts to the truth we have heard.  
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## GREETING

We gather this night in the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.  
 Amen.

## OPENING DIALOGUE



**L** Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.



**C** Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.



**L** Stay with us now; put fear to flight as eve - ning ush - ers in the night.



**C** Warm the dark - ness with your love and light, Je - sus Christ.



**L** Je - sus Christ, **C** Je - sus Christ, **L** Light of life, **C** Light of life,



shine in your peo - ple here. **L** Je - sus Christ, **C** Je - sus Christ, **L** Light of



life, **C** Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.

# HYMN OF LIGHT

*Refrain*



☐ Joy - ous Light of glo - ry, sa - cred Word made



hu - man sto - ry, bless - ed Je - sus Christ,



of the Fa - ther giv - en, Light to earth from



Light of heav - en: ho - ly, end - less source of life.



☐ As we come to the set - ting of the sun,  
☐ As we sing, . . . . O ho - ly Three in One,



and we look to the gold of eve - ning light,  
fount of life . . . . and love and fire di - vine,



☐ we will raise our songs in praise of your glo - ry  
☐ we re - joice in you with the pure voice of glad - ness

*Refrain*



and with all the u - ni - verse u - nite.  
as we let your light with - in us shine.

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom you have enlightened us by revealing the light that never fades. Night is falling and day's allotted span draws to a close. The daylight you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us. We praise you and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom be glory, honor and power to you in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PSALMODY

*Refrain*



☐ We lift our hands in prayer like in-cense ris - ing



and of - fer our lives to you, O God.



☐ God, we call, for you are near: ☐ hear us and help us.



☐ Be now a - mong us here: ☐ hear us and help us.  
☐ Un - bind our hearts, O Lord: ☐ keep us from e - vil.  
☐ and live our days with you: ☐ Light of cre - a - tion;



*Refrain*

☐ Be thou the lov - ing ear: ☐ hear us and help us and all who cry.  
☐ Re-mind us we are re-stored: ☐ keep us from e - vil and all its lies.  
☐ and burn and blaze in you: ☐ Light of cre-a - tion, o - pen our eyes.

## PSALM PRAYER

O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting, your name is worthy of all praise. Let our prayer rise before you as incense, and with the lifting up of our hands, may we offer our whole lives to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

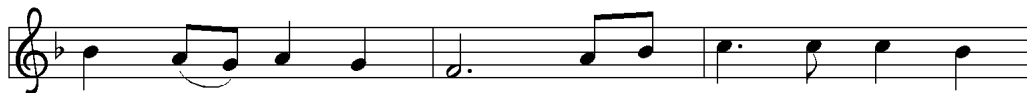
# GOSPEL HYMN: *All Are Welcome (ELW 640)*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

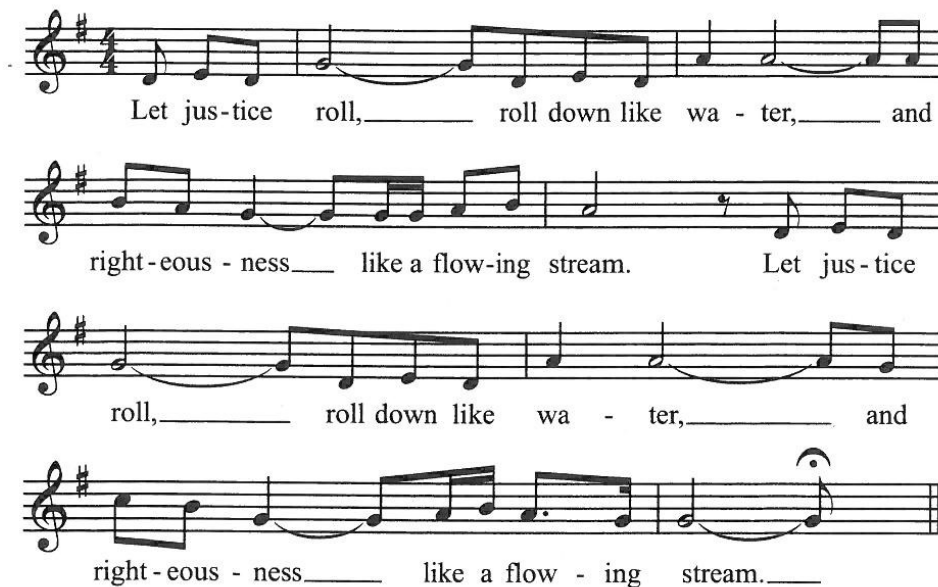
## READING: Matthew 25:14-21

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE



Let jus-tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and  
right-eous - ness like a flow-ing stream. Let jus-tice  
roll, roll down like wa - ter, and  
right-eous - ness like a flow - ing stream.

## The Blind Side: Family

# GOSPEL CANTICLE: *The Magnificat*

*Refrain*



☐ My soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God,



my spir-it re - joic - es in the love of my Sav - ior.



You have looked with fa - vor on my sim - ple ways,



and I will praise you all of my days.



1 You have called me bless - ed, done great things for me.  
2 You have hum-bled the might - y, scat-tered earth-ly pride.



You have shown your mer - cy, set my spir-it free.  
You have strength-ened your ser-vants, kept us by your side.



You have lift - ed the low - ly, sent the rich a - way.  
You have hon-ored your prom - ise made so long a - go.



*Refrain*

You have filled the hun - gry, and ho - ly is your name.  
You have blessed your chil - dren from age to age, and so:



# THE LITANY

## Refrain



☐ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer.  
(God.)

## ☐ Petitions

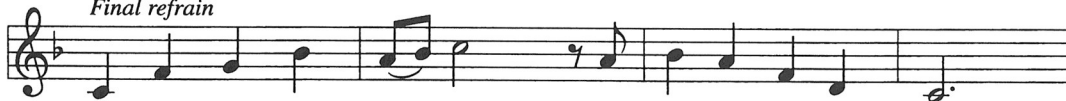


1 For peace born of heav - en, and  
2 For peace in the whole world, and  
3 For all those who gov - ern: give  
4 For all who work for jus - tice and  
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and  
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -  
7 For all those who suf - fer in  
8 For all our be - lov - ed, our  
9 Re - joic - ing in com - mu - nion with



for our sal - va - tion, we pray to you, O  
peace a - mong all peo - ples,  
wis - dom and com - pas - sion;  
free - dom from op - pres - sion,  
food to fill the hun - gry,  
pair, wrath, and dan - ger,  
grief, pain, and sor - row,  
fam - 'ly, friends, and neigh - bors,  
saints gone be - fore us,

## Final refrain



☐ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer,  
(God.)



God of love, hear our prayer. A - men

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

God of love, we thank you that you have kept us under your protecting care in the day that is past. Bring your healing to the wounds of this day, those we have inflicted, those we have felt, those that trouble our world. Cover us this night with the wings of your grace, and raise us to a new day with Christ, our light and our peace.

Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING BLESSING



Let us bless the Ho-ly One. To God our thanks we raise. May



God Al-might-y bless us, guide us and de-fend us, and lead us in - to



life. A - men, a - men, a - men.

## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

## Leading Worship Tonight:

Worship Leaders: Richard Edmonds, Susan Berg  
Musician: Lucy Kay Osborne, Cheryl Miller  
Reflection: Pastor Berg

## The Blind Side

This is a movie that is loosely based on the story of Michael Oher who was homeless until a rich white family, the Tuohys, took him in. Oher has no idea who his father is and his mother is a drug addict. These are the facts of the story, the movie moves on from there. Leigh Anne Tuohy is depicted as a “takes charge” kind of person and decides to take Michael in. She also takes charge of his education and his athletic pursuits. In a baffling scene she seems to understand more about football than the coaches and certainly Oher. Oher tells a different story—one that does not contradict the core of the relationship, but reminds people that he was a top athlete long before the Tuohys took him in. Oher was a first round draft pick of the Baltimore Ravens in 2009 and has had a very good NFL career.

The movie does help us think about several important justice issues: systemic poverty and the toll it takes on a community and racial prejudice. We will be looking at both these issues during this Lenten season asking the question, “How does our place of privilege blind us to the needs of others?”

**Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People** by Mahzarin R. Banaji, Anthony G. Greenwald. “I know my own mind. I am able to assess others in a fair and accurate way.” These self-perceptions are challenged by lead psychologists Banaji and Greenwald as they explore the hidden biases we all carry from a lifetime of exposure to cultural attitudes about age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status and nationality.

BLINDSPOT is the author’s metaphor for the portion of the mind that houses hidden biases. They question the extent to which our perceptions of social groups—without our awareness or conscious control—shape our likes and dislikes and our judgments about people’s character, abilities and potential.

**The Sneetches** by Dr. Seuss. Are you a Star-Belly Sneetch or a Plain-Belly Sneetch? What do you do to be a part of the “in” crowd?

