

April 3, 2019

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

The Blind Side:
Empathy

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

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

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

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

☐ Je - sus Christ, ☑ Je - sus Christ, ☐ Light of life, ☑ Light of life,

shine in your peo - ple here. ☐ Je - sus Christ, ☑ Je - sus Christ, ☐ Light of

life, ☑ 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.
☐ Touch our lips, form ev - 'ry word: ☐ keep us from e - vil.
☐ As we turn our gaze to you: ☐ Light of cre - a - tion;



☐ 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: *There is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW 614)

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

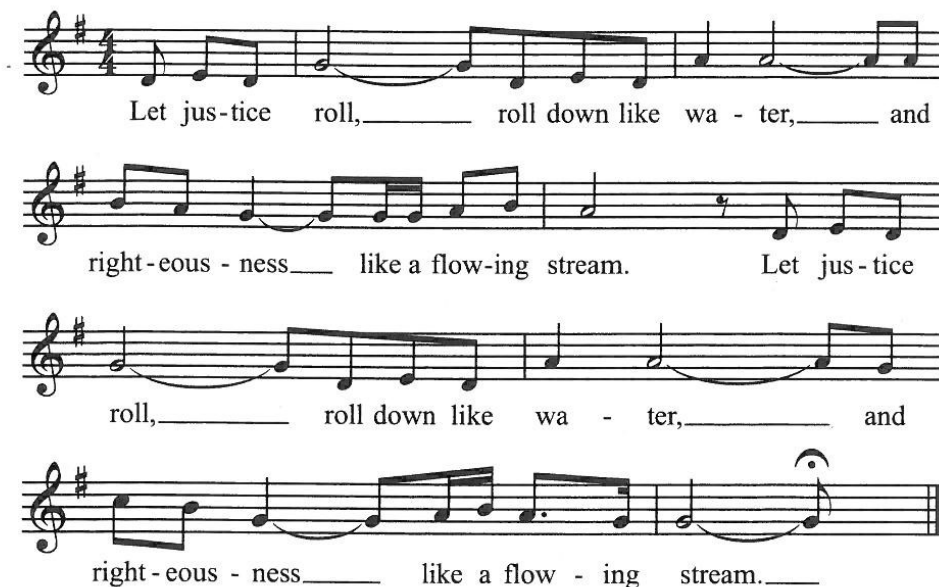
READING: John 8:1-7

while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

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._____

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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

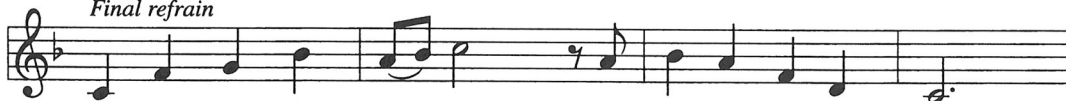


1 For peace born of heav - en, and
2 For peace in the whole world, and
3 For all those who gov - ern: give
4 For all who work for jus - tice and
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -
7 For all those who suf - fer in
8 For all our be - lov - ed, our
9 Re - joic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

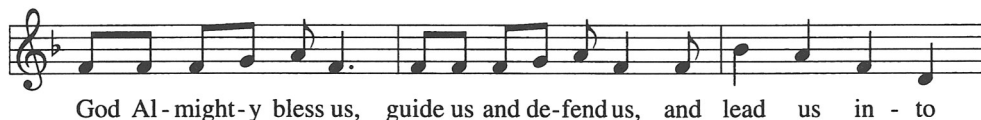
Give us today our daily bread.

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



DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship Tonight:

Worship Leaders: Richard Edmonds
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 is 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?

