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Third Wednesday in Lent

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# JOYOUS LIGHT

## EVENING PRAYER

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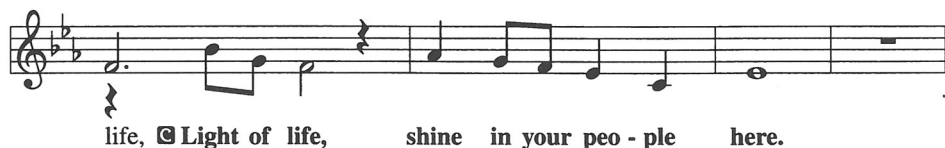
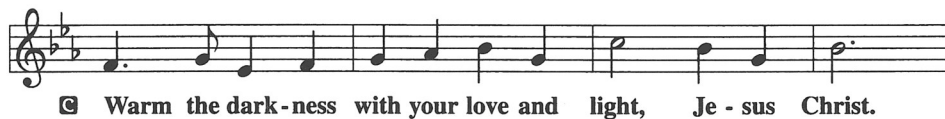
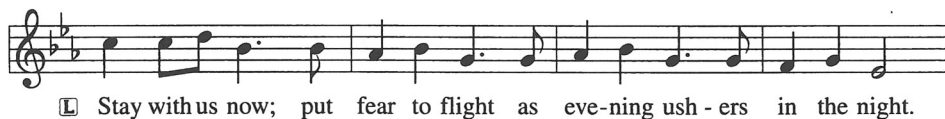
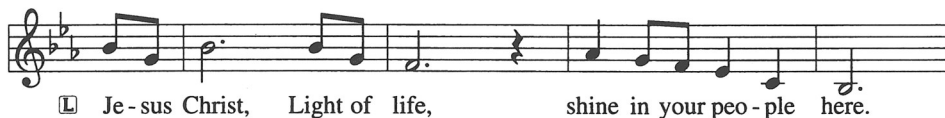
## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GREETING

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

## OPENING DIALOGUE



## 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**

Neighbor to all people, you call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors, and teach us to recognize the gifts you have given each of us to use in service to others. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Mark 2:1-12**

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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 REFLECTION: In Community with Our Neighbor**

**SHOW REFLECTION: Schindler's List— "I haven't Done Enough"**

**ANTHEM: How Small our Span of Life (ELW 636)**

## 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.



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

*Refrain*

# THE LITANY

## Refrain



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

## ☐ Petitions

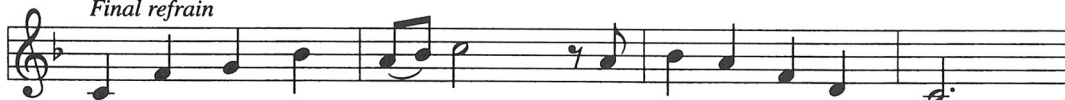


1 For peace born of heav - en, and  
2 For peace in the whole world, and  
3 For all those who gov - ern: give  
4 For all who work for jus - tice and  
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and  
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -  
7 For all those who suf - fer in  
8 For all our be - lov - ed,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

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.

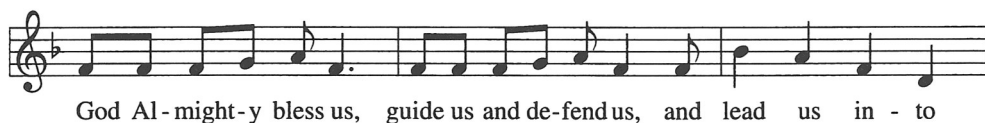
Give us today our daily bread.

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