

March 15, 2023  
Third Wednesday in Lent  
Secondhand Lions:  
Our Relationships

# JOYOUS LIGHT

## EVENING PRAYER

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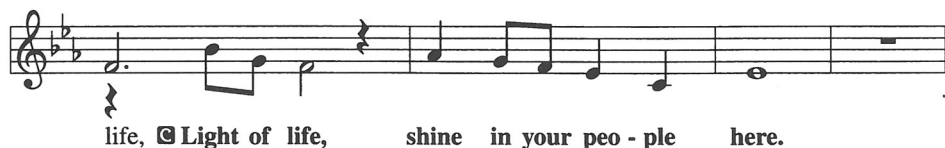
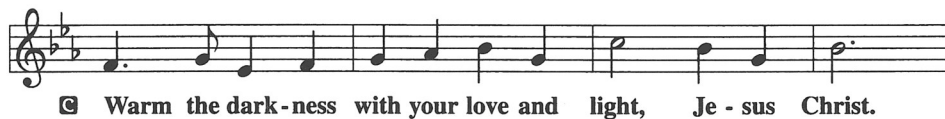
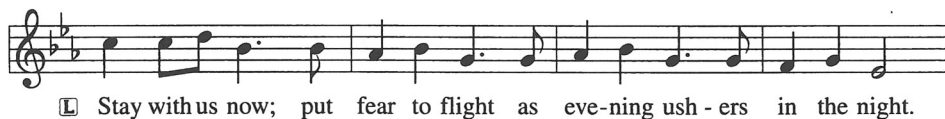
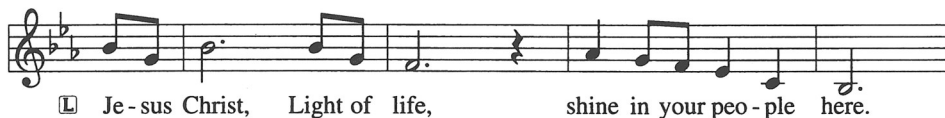
## PRELUDE

## 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**

In all of our wanderings, God of the desert, you are there with us. In our deepest points of loss we call on you. Often you send to us those who will sit with us in our pain. We marvel at how you take care of us through the simplest of acts. Open our hearts to recognize when you send us out to do the same.

**Amen.**

## **READING: 1 Samuel 12:1-5, 23-24**

Samuel said to all Israel, "I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a king over you. See, it is the king who leads you now; I am old and gray, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day. Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you." They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone." He said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the LORD, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you.

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

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

**MOVIE REFLECTION: Secondhand Lions: Won't be long**

**REFLECTION**

## HYMN: Faith Begins By Letting Go (ACS 1004)



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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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

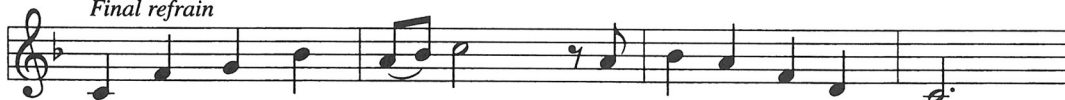


1 For peace born of heav - en, and  
2 For peace in the whole world, and  
3 For all those who gov - ern: give  
4 For all who work for jus - tice and  
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and  
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -  
7 For all those who suf - fer in  
8 For all our be - lov - ed,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

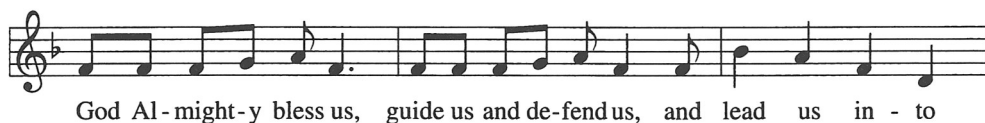
Give us today our daily bread.

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

# Sundays

Worship - 8:30 am & 11 am

Christian Education - 9:45 am

# Wednesdays

Soup Supper - 6 pm

Lenten Vespers - 7 pm



# Lent

## *From Pain to Possibility*

### ADULT ED DURING LENT

Join us on Sundays at 10am

Lent offers a way of grappling with the unintelligibility of pain; it invites us to look at our lives and our deepest longings for healing, restoration, and fulfillment.

March 5 - Surrendering to Pain

March 12 - Giving Voice to Pain

March 19 - Unmasking the Scapegoat

March 26 - The Possibility of Wounds

April 2 - Sitting with the Wounded



## **Assisting with Tonight's Service:**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Piano/Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne

Cantor: Richard Edmonds

Flute: Cheryl Miller

## **SERMON NOTES**

**What caught my attention:**

**What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?**

**I think the title of the sermon should be:**



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God's work. Our hands.