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First Wednesday in Lent  
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The Doctrine of Discovery

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EVENING PRAYER

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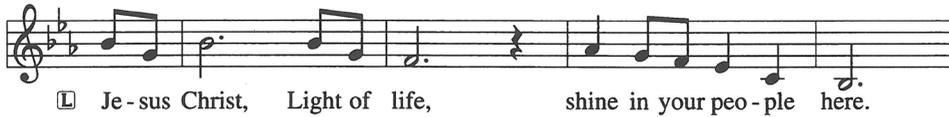
# WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

We gather 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.



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



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,



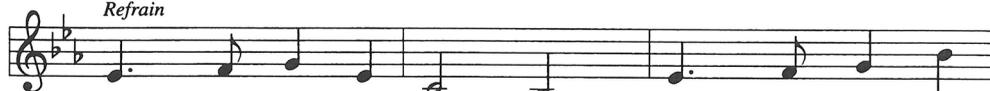
shine in your peo - ple here.  Je - sus Christ,  Je - sus Christ,  Light of



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;



☐ 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

Lord of the nations, you consistently call out to the peoples of the world to come to your light. Help us de-center ourselves so that we can make room for the other, no matter where they come from, or what language they pray, or why they are in our midst.

Amen.

## **READING: Psalm 82**

God stands in heaven's court  
To judge all other gods:

“How long will you gods  
pervert the truth  
and side with the wicked?  
Hand down justice  
to orphans and the weak  
uphold the rights  
of the poor and oppressed.  
Free the weak and the needy  
from the grip of the wicked.”

These gods know nothing,  
they wander in the dark  
while the word falls to pieces.

“I had thought of you as gods,  
Born of the highest heaven,  
But you will die like any creature  
And fall like any prince.”

Rise God, judge the world.  
All nations are yours.

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.  
**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

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**REFLECTION**

# HYMN:

## When Our World Is Rent by Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are  
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must  
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade  
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance  
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten  
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing  
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our  
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our  
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our  
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.  
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!  
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!  
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

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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.



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

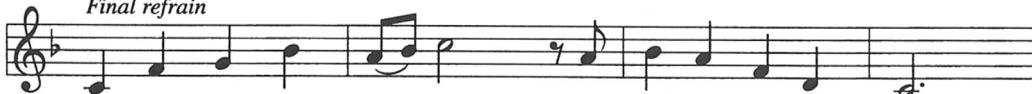


1 For peace born of heav - en, and  
2 For peace in the whole world, and  
3 For all those who gov - ern: give  
4 For all who work for jus - tice and  
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and  
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -  
7 For all those who suf - fer in  
8 For all our be - lov - ed,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

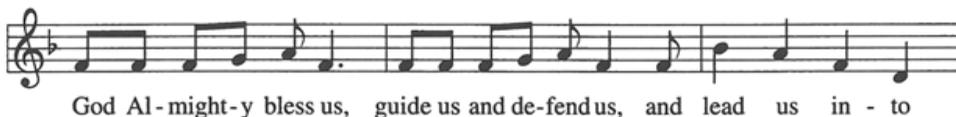
**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING BLESSING



**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Assisting with Tonight's Service:**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Piano/Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne

Cantor: Pastor Liz Colver