

March 29, 2023  
Fifth Wednesday in Lent  
Secondhand Lions:  
Our Relationships

# JOYOUS LIGHT

## EVENING PRAYER

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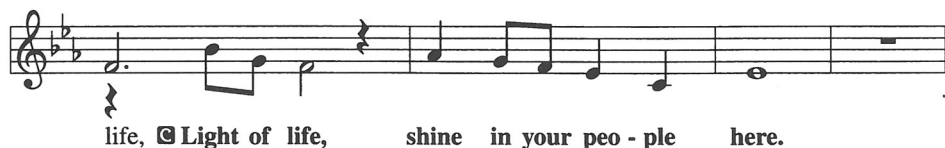
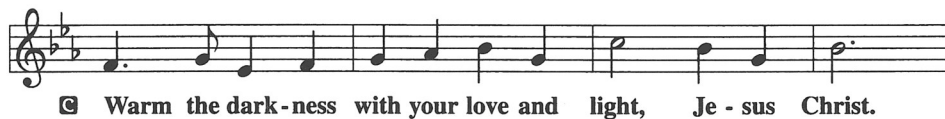
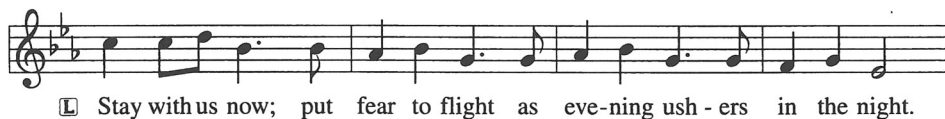
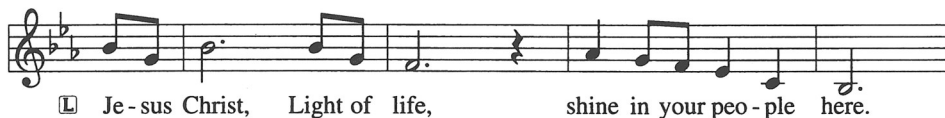
## PRELUDE

## 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: Psalm 61**

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Prolong the life of the king;

may his years endure to all generations!

May he be enthroned forever before God;

appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

So I will always sing praises to your name, as I pay my vows day after day.

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: Homecoming**

## **REFLECTION**

## HYMN: Come Seek the Ways of Wisdom (ACS 971)



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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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

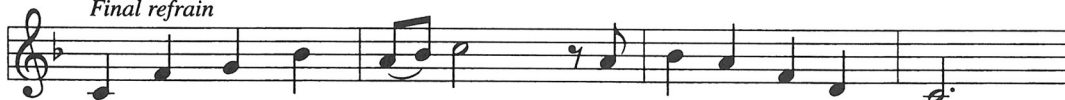


1 For peace born of heav - en, and  
2 For peace in the whole world, and  
3 For all those who gov - ern: give  
4 For all who work for jus - tice and  
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and  
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -  
7 For all those who suf - fer in  
8 For all our be - lov - ed,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

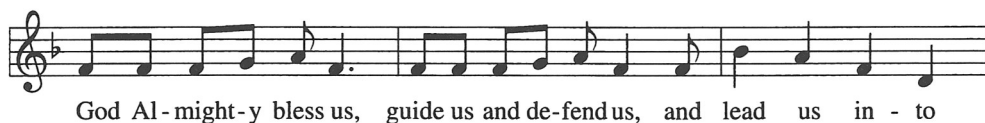
Give us today our daily bread.

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

Violin: Alexia Payne

## **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.