

JOYOUS LIGHT

April 2, 2025

EVENING PRAYER

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

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Inside Out 2: The Search for Self

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



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



☐ 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.

PRAYER

Jesus, you remind us not to fear, not to worry, to put our trust in the Lord. Yet, we fear, we worry, and we find it hard at times to put our trust in you. Help us to embrace your love for the world so that we can see it how you see it, a place full of goodness and abundance.

Amen.

READING: Luke 12:22-25

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

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: Inside Out 2: The Search for Self

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.)

L 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.

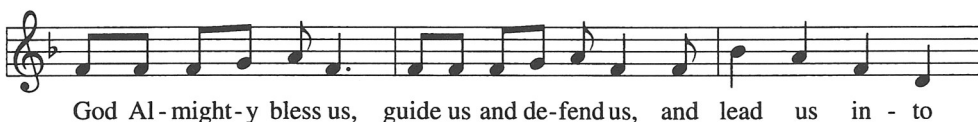
Give us today our daily bread.

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: June Condra

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

6:00pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Vespers

We begin our evenings with a soup supper with bread. We invite you to bring a soup to share. Please sign up on the soup sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We then will gather in the sanctuary for Vespers and a conversation about our theme movie "Inside Out 2."

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: 9:30am
Bring your own branches (Cedar, Sword Ferns)

Healing Wednesday: 7:00pm
Online only

Maundy Thursday: 12pm & 6pm:
Dinner Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday: 7:00pm