

March 4, 2026
Second Wednesday in Lent
Decolonizing our Faith:
Discern and Decolonize

JOYOUS LIGHT
EVENING PRAYER

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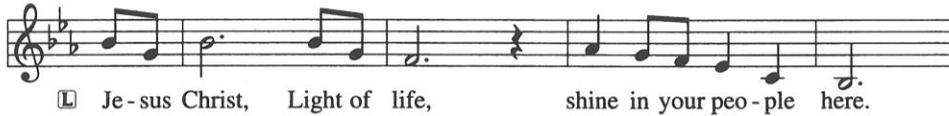
WELCOME

PRELUDE: *In The Cross* (T. Keesecker)

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.



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☐ Stay with us now; put fear to flight as eve - ning ush - ers in the night.



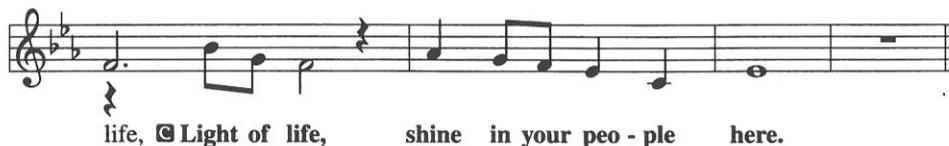
☑ Warm the dark - ness with your love and light, Je - sus Christ.



☐ 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.

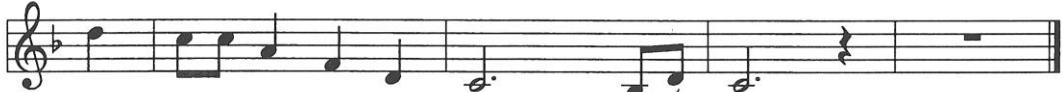
Amen.

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;



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

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 78:1-10

Listen, my people,
mark each word.
I begin with a story,
I speak of mysteries
welling up from ancient depths,
heard and known from our elders.

We must not hide
this story from our children
but tell the mighty works
and all the wonders of God.
The Lord gave precepts to our ancestors,
instructions to our elders,
that the people before us
could teach their children.

Let future generations learn
and let them grow up
to teach their young
to trust God,
remembering great deeds,
cherishing the Law.

Not like their ancestors,
stubborn, bitter, wavering,
unfaithful to God;
not like the cowards,
who ran from injustice,
ignoring the oppressed,
defying the Lord.

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

DECOLONIZING OUR FAITH: Discern and Decolonize

Rev. Jose Humphries III examines the ways cultural and imperial entanglements shape our understanding of the Gospel, often distorting its liberating message. Inspired by Howard Thurman’s question, “What does your religion of Jesus offer to those whose backs are against the wall?”

REFLECTION

HYMN: *Creator of the Stars of Night* (ELW 245)



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
from all as - saults of our dread foe.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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

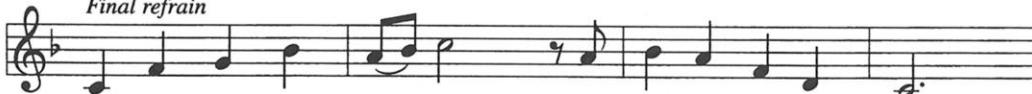


1 For peace born of heav - en, and
2 For peace in the whole world, and
3 For all those who gov - ern: give
4 For all who work for jus - tice and
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -
7 For all those who suf - fer in
8 For all our be - lov - ed, our
9 Re - joic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

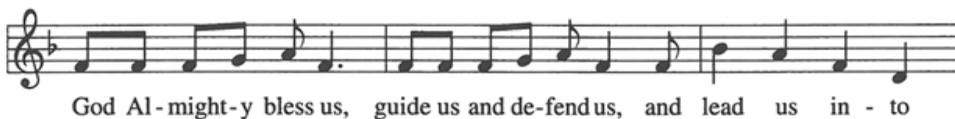
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING



DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: Alas! And Did my Savior Bleed (Arr. J. Leavitt)

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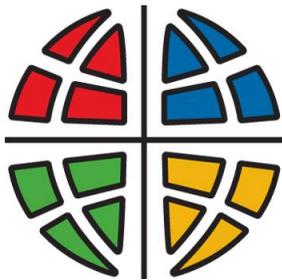
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