

March 22, 2023
Fourth Wednesday in Lent
Secondhand Lions:
Our Relationships

JOYOUS LIGHT

EVENING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PART

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JOYOUS LIGHT EVENING PRAYER

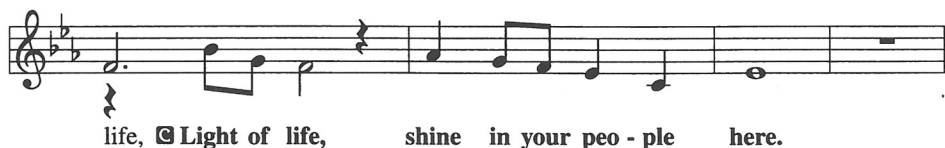
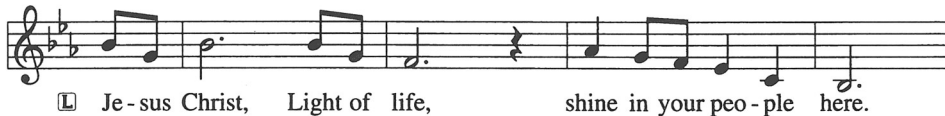
PRELUDE

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 16 (the Message)

Keep me safe, O God, I've run for dear life to you.

I say to GOD, "Be my Lord!" Without you, nothing makes sense.

And these God-chosen lives all around— what splendid friends they make!

Don't just go shopping for a god.

Gods are not for sale.

I swear I'll never treat god-names like brand-names.

My choice is you, GOD, first and only.

And now I find I'm your choice!

You set me up with a house and yard.

And then you made me your heir!

The wise counsel GOD gives when I'm awake

is confirmed by my sleeping heart.

Day and night I'll stick with GOD;

I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.

You canceled my ticket to hell— that's not my destination!

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: Disappointment

REFLECTION

HYMN: All Who Are Thirsty (ACS 955)



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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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

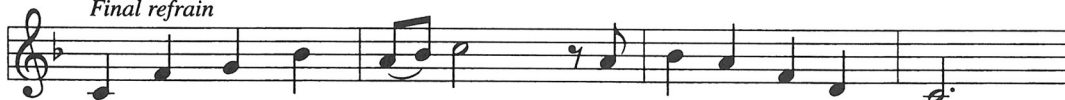


1 For peace born of heav - en, and
2 For peace in the whole world, and
3 For all those who gov - ern: give
4 For all who work for jus - tice and
5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and
6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -
7 For all those who suf - fer in
8 For all our be - lov - ed, our
9 Re - joic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

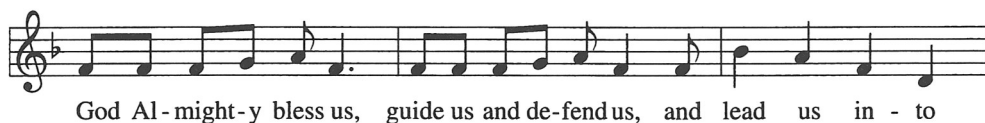
Give us today our daily bread.

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.