

# March 29, 2023

## Lent Midweek Worship

### 7:00 p.m. Service



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#### **Lenten Mid-Week Worship**

Wednesdays on March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at

12:00 PM (Service of the Word)

7:00 PM\* (Holden Evening Prayer Service)

**Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM | Parish Hall**

March 1, 8, 22, & 29

Soup Makers and Volunteers Needed

Sign up at Welcome Center

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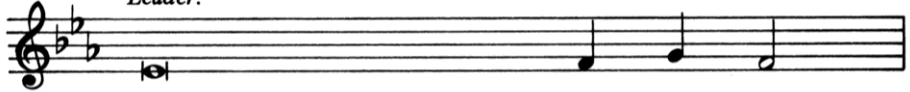
**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
*Holden Evening Prayer*

THE PRELUDE

THE INVOCATION

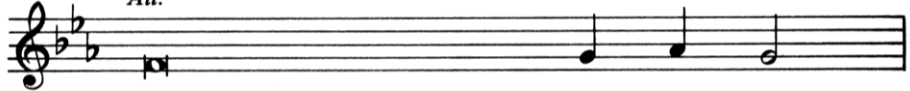
THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Leader:*



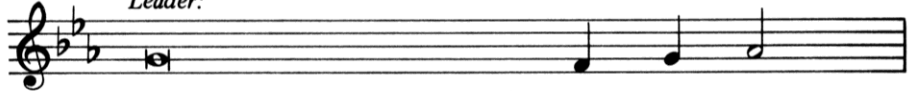
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



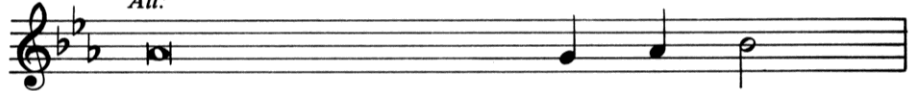
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



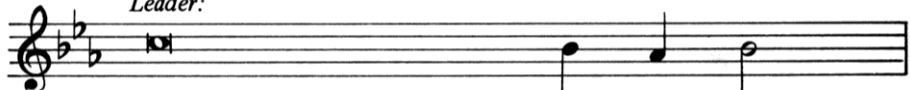
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

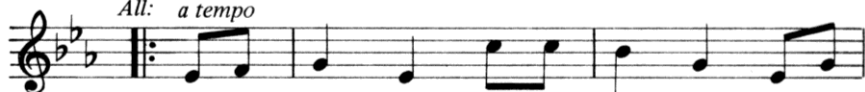
*All:*



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

# EVENING HYMN: "Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory"

All: *a tempo*



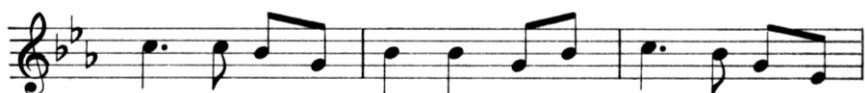
1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



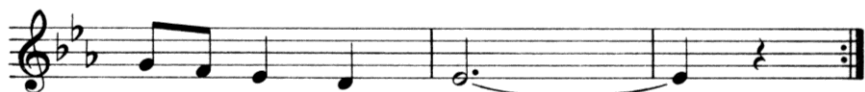
sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

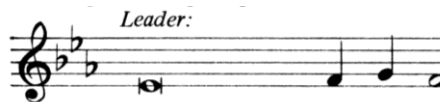


you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

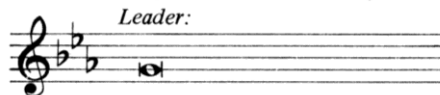


light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

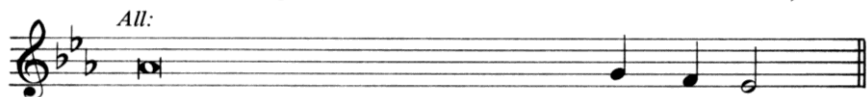
# EVENING THANKSGIVING

*Leader:*  *All:* 

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:* 

Let us sing our thanks to — God,

*All:* 

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:* 

A - men.

## PSALM 141: "Let My Prayer Rise Up as Incense"

*All:* 

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



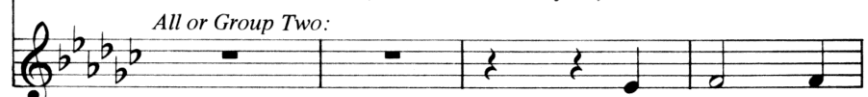
fore you, the lift - ing up of my



hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

*Leader or Group One:* 

— O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:* 

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise  
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. \_\_\_\_\_ All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
 praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. ————— Let my prayer rise  
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. —————  
 of - fer - ing to you.

## PRAYER

*(silence for meditation)*

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

**Amen**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## GOSPEL READING

John 11:17-35

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ <sup>27</sup> She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw



him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.

DEVOTION

Diane Davis

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## O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en - dured;  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

In - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, And free us from our past.  
 Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
 So teach us to de - ny our - selves That we may know God's love.  
 That when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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 Tune: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1635

CAITHNESS  
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The light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome it.

## THE ANNUNCIATION &amp; THE MAGNIFICAT

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

## THE MAGNIFICAT

*All:*  
 1.3. My soul pro - claims your  
 2. You have cast the might - y  
 great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
 down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you,                    You have looked with love on your  
heart,                    You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

## THE LITANY

**A** *All:*  
*Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

**B**

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

*Leader:* **A**

**B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray\_ to you:

*Leader:* **A**

**B**

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

*Leader:* **A**

**B**

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer-cy:

*Leader:*

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

*All:*

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

## PRAYERS

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**


God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**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**


# FINAL BLESSING

*Leader:*  *All:* 


Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:* 


May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_

*All:* 

A - men.



# THE POSTLUDE

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LENT OFFERINGS

Lent midweek offerings unless otherwise designated will go to the Huntsville Assistance Program and Christ Kiswahili Church in Nashville, TN.

## WE THANK TONIGHT'S LAY WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Leader: Diane Davis

Devotion: Diane Davis

Cantor: Adam Neely

Accompanist: Miriam Conrad

Stream Team: Stephen Strand, Meredith Kilby

PASTORAL CARE continues to be provided by Pastor Diana Bottin for urgent matters that may arise until Pastor Kris officially starts on April 1. Please contact Claire or the Church Office.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes FOOD PANTRY Paper Towels

## + HOLY WEEK +

### **Sunday, April 2, 2022 - Palm / Passion Sunday**

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM\*, Easter Egg Hunt for Children 9:45 AM

Pastor Kris Schroeder's First Sunday at MLC

### **April 6 - Maundy Thursday**

Services at Noon & 7 PM\* with the Lord's Supper

### **April 7 - Good Friday Tenebrae**

Services at Noon & 7 PM\*

### **April 8 - Holy Saturday Prayer Stations**

Prayer Stations Open 2:00–3:30 PM (Prepared by MLC Youth)

### **April 9 - Resurrection Sunday / Easter**

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM\*,

Easter Breakfast - MLC Youth Fundraiser

9:00 - 11:30 AM