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As We Gather

The land where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali settled was repeatedly overrun by the armies of other nations. It was the invasion route into the Promised Land, the route for conquerors God allowed to punish errant Israel. But another “alien” would come one day on another mission: Isaiah used the land as a metaphor for our Lord’s coming to begin a new rule in our hearts. He would be as light in the darkness and joy in the harvest. His coming to save us by going to the cross was so different that it seemed to be folly. Yet, to those who came to know our Lord personally, like the disciples in today’s Gospel, there was no question but that they would follow this man. Today’s worship is an opportunity to rejoice over the light, joy, and salvation Christ brought from heaven to this dark, sad, and fallen world.

PREPARATION

412 The People That in Darkness Sat

- 1 The people that in darkness sat, A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long, In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
 - 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath’ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear, Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.
 - 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv’n,
And on His shoulder ever rests, All pow’r in earth and heav’n,
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.
 - 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.
 - 5 His righteous government and pow’r, Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.
- D 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art, And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *1 Corinthians 1:18; Psalm 27:14*

- P The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

- C **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**
P Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
C **wait for the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution *Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18*

- P St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord’s forgiveness.
- C **Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**
- P “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm for Epiphany 3, I-Left Side, II-Right Side *Psalm 27:1–14; antiphon: v. 1*

- A The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
- A The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- ! *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.*
- @ *For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.*
- C **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

A Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, “Seek My face.”
 My heart says to You, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
! *Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,
 O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!*
*For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the LORD will take me in.*

@ *Teach me Your way, O LORD,
 and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.*

A I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
 in the land of the living!
Wait for the LORD;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

C **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold
of my life, the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace that breaks into this world from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the
Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace that knows no boundaries, for growth in the Church around the world, and for
unity around the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who respond here in worship and praise to our victorious
King, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness, With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands, With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children, With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons, With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water, To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, who came from heaven to earth,

C **heal us in body, soul, and spirit that we may serve You in joy, now and always;**

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:1–4*

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into
contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious
the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol Him, all peoples!**
P For great is His steadfast love toward us,
C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**
P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 4:12–25*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*
*ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God., Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying *sts. 1–2*

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked, With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children, To the Savior's waiting arms.

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Installation of Officers

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying *sts. 3–4*

- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties, You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God’s light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.
- C **Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world’s darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.**
- P Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders’ eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.
- C **Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper.**
- P Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. Lord Jesus,
- C **source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.**
- P Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind.
- C **By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.**
- P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

- C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

833 Listen, God Is Calling

Refrain
Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

That He came to save us — And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

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