

LENT MIDWEEK EVENING PRAYER  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IOWA CITY, IA  
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PRELUDE

OPENING DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**now is the day of salvation.**

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
**that the light of your face may shine on us.**

May your justice shine like the sun;  
**and may the poor be lifted up.**

O God, full of compassion, you journey with us throughout our lives as our comfort and strength. Enable us to hear your words of promise that our fear is dispelled, our anxiety calmed, and our faith is renewed. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

HYMN OF LIGHT

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## PSALMODY

Psalm 141:1-4, 8-10

1 I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;  
give ear to my voice when I call to you.

2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;  
keep watch over the door of my lips.

4 Do not turn my heart to any evil,  
to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with those  
who work iniquity; do not let me eat of their delicacies.

8 But my eyes are turned toward you, O God, my Lord;  
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.

9 Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,  
and from the snares of evildoers.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
while I alone escape.

## EVENING HYMN

Now It Is Evening (ELW 572)

## Now It Is Evening



1 Now it is eve-ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re - mem-ber  
2 Now it is eve-ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem-ber  
3 Now it is eve-ning: lit - tle ones sleep-ing bid us re - mem-ber  
4 Now it is eve-ning: here in our meet-ing may we re - mem-ber



Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be  
Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be  
Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glect - ed, who will be  
Christ is our friend. Some may be strang - ers, who will be



neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.  
neigh-bor? Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.  
neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.  
neigh-bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

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## SCRIPTURE AND REFLECTION

### CANTICLE HYMN

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Show us your mercy, O God,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Give us the joy of your saving help again,  
**and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Give peace in all the world;  
**for only in you can we live in safety.**

Keep the nations under your care,  
**and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy be forgotten,  
**nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

Lord, hear my prayer,  
**and let my cry come before you.**

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (ELW 565:1, 2, 5)

All praise to thee, my God, this night  
for all the blessings of the light.

Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.