



March 11, 2020  
Lenten Vespers 2  
**Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado**  
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

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## Gathering

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### MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

#### OPENING

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness  
**and illumine your church.**

God is our light and our salvation,  
**our refuge and our stronghold.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**we praise your name, O God.**

For with you is the fountain of life,  
**and in your light we see light.**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall

not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”      ELW 334  
*Verses 1-3, Lent 3*

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**WORD**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-2**

*Response:*      Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:3-11**

*Response:*      Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

*Questions: How are you adrift? What keeps you afloat?*

**HYMN**

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

ELW 455

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Each petition ends with:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The last petition ends with:* Our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

And together, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray:

**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**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

ELW 319

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE