



March 4, 2020
Lenten Vespers 1
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

Gathering

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 LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky
to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;

for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

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

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Response: Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-9

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

REFLECTION

Question: What has your experience been with darkness and with light?

HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715

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.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

SENDING

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

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

ELW 320

POSTLUDE