



Lenten Vespers

March 16, 2022 + 7:00 p.m.

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Songs for the Journey

In our midweek worship this Lent, we will focus each week on the psalm from the preceding Sunday's worship. The psalms appointed for the Sundays in Lent this year are particularly powerful prayers for us. The book of Psalms is the hymnbook of the Bible and the place in Scripture where the human voice is most prominently heard speaking to God instead of the other way around. As such, the psalms have become very important prayers for Christians as we journey here in this world, to deeper participation in the life of God's reign.

Each of these psalms speak to one of our challenges in the journey of faith, the journey of life, and the place of God's grace for us on that journey. In these songs sung by our forebears for nearly 3,000 years, we find hope, along with words from witnesses to God's gift to us and the world in Christ Jesus.

This week: Looking for light amidst fear and death

Psalm 27 proclaims "God is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" To which we respond, as we journey in faith, lots of things! Suffering, pain, death, fear itself. But the psalmist knows where the light is and urges us to look for that. To share in the blind beggar's hope as he said to Jesus, "Lord, let me see again!"

Copies of today's Wednesday noon sermon are on the table with the service folders tonight, and on the church website at www.mountolivechurch.org and select "Sermons" from the list at the bottom of the page.

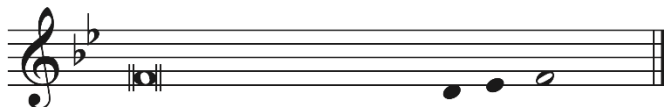
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✝ Opening

Service of Light
Dialog

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)



- Ⓛ Behold, now is the accept- | able 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.**

Hymn of Light

“Joyous Light of Glory”

HYMN 229

Thanksgiving for Light

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✝ Psalmody

Psalm 141

(seated)

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

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Group One – Pulpit side

Group Two – Lectern side

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 27

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light”

HYMN 715

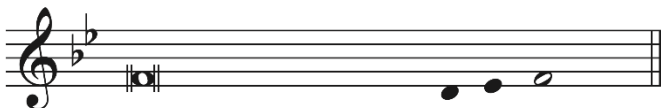
✝ Word

Reading: Philippians 3:7-8a, 4:10-13

(seated)

A brief silence follows the reading.

Dialog



L Long ago God spoke . . . | by the prophets.

C **but now in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.**

Gospel Canticle

“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord”

(standing)

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Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

(kneeling) page 316

Blessing

(standing) page 319

Hymn

“Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”

HYMN 568

Participants

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