

Jubilate Easter Vespers Service:

Light Shines in the Darkness



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8 pm Graebner Memorial Chapel
Concordia University St. Paul

“The Light Shines in the Darkness...”

This year our Jubilate Easter Vespers Service theme comes from John 1:5; “Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” The readings, anthems, and images focus our attention on Jesus’ life, work, and promises to all people. Even when we find ourselves in the midst of darkness—of isolation, of sadness, of ignorance, of pandemic—we know that a loving and merciful God sent His Son to save us, be our guide—and to reassure us of the constant presence of His light in our hearts, our campus, our community, and world. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Introit: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Solo quartet: Clare Holsen, Anna Krueger, Lane Bode, David Beardsley

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.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine on my heart, Lord Jesus.

Evening Prayer — Service of Light

Lutheran Service Book, p. 243-247

*Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light
Thanksgiving for the Light
Psalm 141:1-4, 8*

This is the Day (*Psalm 118: 16-29*)

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

*This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad!*

L: The right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord
does valiantly!

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

C: Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

L: The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me
over to death.

L: Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house
of the Lord.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

C: The Lord is God,
and he has made his light
to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

L: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

L: You are my God,
and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

C: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

C: Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever!

C: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

Reading: Matthew 4:16 & Psalm 139:12

Out of the Depths (*Psalm 130:1-5*)
Julie Willey, violin

Richard Frost (b. 1943)

Out of the depths have I cried unto you:
Lord, hear my voice.
Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry:
Lord, hear my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin,
who then could stand?
But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness;
therefore we will not fear.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,
and in His word do I hope.

Reading: John 1:1-5, 9, 14

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest for a while:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Reading: Matthew 5:16

When the Song of the Angels is Stilled

Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
The work of Christmas begins:

To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,

When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their
flocks,
The work of Christmas begins.

A Quiet Place

Ralph Carmichael (b. 1927), arr. Mervyn Warren (b. 1964)

Featuring Vox 9 Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Bill White, director

There is a quiet place far from the rapid pace
Where God can soothe my troubled mind.
Sheltered by tree and flower, there, in my quiet hour, with Him,
My cares are left behind.

Whether a garden small, or on a mountain tall,
New strength and courage there I find.
There from this quiet place,
I go prepared to face a new day with love for all mankind.

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b.1945)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church,
gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Reading: Psalm 27:1

You are My Light

James R. Day (1948-2018)

You are my light. You are my song.
Of whom shall I be afraid?
Let us adore and know how holy is this place!
Let all within us feel his power, and silent bow before his face.

*Ani ma'amin, beemunah sh'leima;
B'viat hamashiach,
B'viat hamashiach ani ma'amin.
[I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah.
Even though the Messiah may tarry, nevertheless, do I believe.]*

I Believe

Mark Miller (b. 1967)

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6

To Dust

Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

Let my crying turn to dust.
Let my grief be turned to ashes.
Let my heart be cleansed with flame.
Kyrie eleison. [Lord have mercy.]

Let your healing waters rise.
Let your deserts bloom with bounty.
Let your Holy Spirit come.
Christe eleison. [Christ have mercy.]

Let my mourning turn to song.
Let my sorrow turn to sunrise.
Let my broken spirit rest.
Kyrie eleison. [Lord have mercy.]

Let our crying come to dust.
Let our grief be turned to ashes.
Let our hearts be cleansed with flame.
Kyrie eleison. [Lord have mercy.]

Go Not Far from Me (*Psalm 71: 10, 8, 7*)

Nicola Zingarelli (1752-1837)

Go Not Far from me, O God;
Cast me not away in the time of age,
Forsake me not, when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing Thy glory and honor all the day long.

Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars
to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine on my heart, Lord Jesus.

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.

Reading: Psalm 18: 28 & John 8:12

I am the Gentle Light

Katelyn Shipler, soloist

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

I am the gentle light,
The stars at night,
the morning bright;
I am the still, small voice,
The living choice,
the heart's rejoice.

And if you follow me, I'll be
With you for all eternity;
I will hold onto you,
my love will set you free.

I am forever love,
Light from above; the peaceful dove;
I am your loving friend;
Your heart I tend, until the end.

Thee We Adore

arr. Ralph M. Johnson (b. 1955)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see:
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen.

Reading: Micah 7:8 & Revelation 21:23

True Light

Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

Sam Schuring and Rachel Tourville, soloists

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light.
He lives in us as True Light.
In the beginning
out of the darkness
God created
He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that
You've given me die,
And don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves You
Praise you again and again

He lives in us as True Light.
You are the one
who judges right from wrong
Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves You
Praise you again and again
He lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I want the world to know,
God gave the world True Light!

Litany and Prayers

Holden Evening Prayer, by Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Petitions written by the members of Jubilate, Spring 2021

God of mercy, hold us in love.
Let kindness and light shine down on your people
For all who are gathered to worship and praise you
For students and teachers who work from home
Free all from the illnesses harming our world
Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
Bring peace to the world and good health to all
O God you have known the distress of my soul
O Lord, draw me up from the pit of destruction
Bring peace to relationships broken by hate
Make safer conditions for innocent people
Instill in us justice and fairness and truth
For peace between nations, for peace between peoples
For guidance and wisdom in all of our hearts
May everyone learn to protect your creation
For peace in our world and joy for all people
The light of your peace shine down on all.
Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Lutheran Service Book, p. 252

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Jubilate Shari M. Speer, director

♪ soloist ◇ cantor † reader ▪ aide

Sopranos

Davina Bellinger ◇
Danielle Critchley ◇ ▪
Kate Hiller ◇
Clare Holsen ♪
Auntee Johnson ◇
Emily Klemp ♪ ▪
Ash Marxhausen ◇ ▪
Emilia Nowaczski ◇ ▪ †
Rachel Tourville ♪
Melody Xiong ◇ ▪

Altos

Becks Beasley ◇ † ♪ ▪
Olivia Greene ◇
MacKenzie Haydon ♪ ▪
Anna Krueger ♪
Erikka Langemo ♪
Sarah Parrish † ▪
Katelyn Shieler ♪

Tenors

Lane Bode † ♪
Isaac Critchley † ♪
Adolfo Lepez ◇
James Vo ◇
David Voelker ◇
(Paul Hillmer,
special guest)

Basses

David Beardsley ♪
Ian Miller ◇ †
Sam Schuring ♪
Mikhail Tripp †

Vox 9 Vocal Jazz Ensemble Bill White, director

Cadence Nunn, Emily Woodhall, Kayla Gundermann
Donovan Eidem, Ethan Langemo, Nathan Ausk

Featured Musicians and Leaders

Violin: Julie Willey (*Out of the Depths*)
Guitar: Anthony Titus (*You Are the Gentle Light*)
Tom Gundermann (*Christ Be Our Light*)
Bass Guitar: Becks Beasley (*True Light*)
Bell Tree: Isaac Critchley (*You are My Light*)
Organ: Kristina Langlois
Piano: Nathan Kennedy, Kristina Langlois, Jeana Ogren
Chapel Leaders: Tom Gundermann, Chaplain; Shelly Schwalm, Chapel Assistant

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