



Liturgy of Light with Healing
Trinity Church, Episcopal
Wednesday in Holy Week
April 8, 2020

You are invited and encouraged to place three candles near you for this service.
There will be opportunities to light them as we pray together.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Presider Light and peace to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Your Word, O God, is a lamp unto my feet.

All **And a light unto my path.**

Presider For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope and love abide, these three:

All **And the greatest of these is love.** (1 Corinthians 13:12-13)

Presider Let us light a candle in, with and for love.

All **May we dwell in the light of Christ's love.**

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done. Let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.** (*New Zealand Prayer Book*)

All **Song of Praise, 43 Hymnal 1982, verses 1 and 4**

Thomas Ken

All praise to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light:
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Presider Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O God. As you look upon us this evening, may the light of your countenance pass beyond our sins, even to the depths of our hearts; and bring to birth there increased faith, new hope and a deep and trustful love.

Silence.

Presider As far as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your loving response to those who are humble;
so far does your enduring strength
uphold those who face the darkness within.
As parents are concerned for their children,
so you come to those who reach out in faith, hope and love.—*Psalm 103:11-13*
Amen.

Psalm 139:6-11

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Presider Let us light a candle in, with and for faith.
All May the light of Christ dwell within us.

Gospel

Readings from the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Matthew.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.—*John 1:6-9*

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”—*John 8:12*

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.—*Matthew 5:14-16*

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection/Musical Meditation

Prayers for Healing

Presider Let us light a candle in, with and for hope.

All May we know and share the hope of Christ’s healing light.

Leader Holy Trinity, one God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant to all who seek you the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader Eternal God, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick with the coronavirus and other illnesses, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit. We pray for the elderly, the anxious and the lonely among us: that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those around them.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader Creator God, source of health and salvation, grant to all who minister to the suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Guide and protect all

healthcare personnel, caregivers and government officials as they work to contain and cure the coronavirus, both now and for the future. May their hands be your hands, O Christ, hands of compassion and healing, hands of hope and peace.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader Gracious God, we pray for those who are under stay-at-home orders and those who work outside the home in essential capacities. We pray that when we are tired and discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us, and the joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader God of peace, restore whatever lies broken by our rejection of you in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from your central peace there may come creative compassion and the willingness to serve a wounded, broken world.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Comforter, sustain and support the fearful and lift up all who are brought low. Mend broken relationships, and restore those in distress to soundness of mind, hopefulness of heart, and serenity of spirit.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader We pray for your church throughout the world and for our Trinity family, especially (pause so that names may be added either silently or aloud)... We pray for people of all faiths and those of none. We pray also for those who have no one to pray for them and those whose needs are known to you alone.

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader God of mercy and loving-kindness, grant to the dying peace and a holy death. Comfort and uphold those who mourn, that they may know the consolation of your love. Let light perpetual shine upon those we love but see no longer. We pray especially for (pause so that names may be added either silently or aloud)...

All For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

Presider God of light and life, shine within our darkness that we may see the glory of your Son Jesus Christ revealed.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you give yourself for us and to us that you may be known

through us; now we give ourselves to you and for you that the light of your love may shine in us and through us into the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider	Together we pray,
All	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,
	the power and the glory,
	for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Presider	God of light and dark, God of stillness and dancing, God of faith, hope and love: from you comes every blessing and all peace: grant us grace to take up our crosses and follow your Son faithfully ever deeper into your heart which is our true home. And may the blessing of the One who is Love be upon you and those you love now and forevermore. Amen.
	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

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