# LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS: HYMN FESTIVAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2024 AT 10:30 AM



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II All Saints Episcopal Church 6301 Parkman Place Cincinnati, Oh 45213



If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us this morning! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about the wonderful offerings and community here at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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### What is a hymn festival?

"Hymn festivals are offshoots of worship: occasions of prayer and community where the central activity is singing. We know musiccentered worship offshoots by different names and models. An oldfashioned hymn sing may consist of a pianist and a leader who says, "Call out your favorites!" At this event speech may be mostly titles and page numbers and the musical activity is almost entirely congregational. In December, by contrast, many communities offer another kind of hymn event, known as Lessons and Carols. This service centers on storytelling and leans more towards listening. Readings are central to its structure and while congregational singing occurs, musical responses may favor choral offerings. A hymn festival generally falls somewhere between these two types."

 Eric Wall, Gene Alice Sherman Associate Professor of Sacred Music, Dean of the Chapel at the Austin Theological Seminary

A hymn festival is a moment where we get to take the opportunity to connect deeply with our inner selves, Christ within us. As we saw last week in the Songs of Simeon and Mary, when those in scripture were prepared to glorify and praise the Lord they did not shout, they did not simply speak, they sang. Using the instruments God gifted them to magnify the message and reveal their inner selves through the Canticles. We have this gift too – each one of us given a voice worthy to be used.

Our Eucharistic liturgy has the words "Now let us join our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven." When we sing, the entirety of heaven is here in this place of All Saints. So, friends, let us all with one voice glorify and praise the Lord and may God give us faith to sing always.

## Artist's Note

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr.

In a world full of hate, strife, and turmoil, we seek to use our gifts as a light through the darkness to shine unto others as a beacon of hope, love, and comfort. The gift we have been given to give unto others: Christ's love given for us – Christ's light in us – this little light

Light Wave

by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity Inspired by John 3:14-21 Acrylic painting with gold leaf on canvas

For God so loved. For God so loves, that like light, God keeps traveling to reach us with that redeeming love. In this abstract painting, the gold leaf marks become like a wave gliding through the cosmos, moving endlessly until it reaches everything. —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity ours. —Ethan Neal



## **Gathered Here**

This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive. – Alice Waters

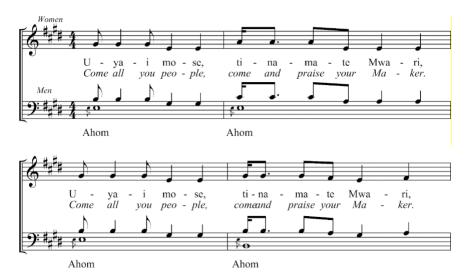
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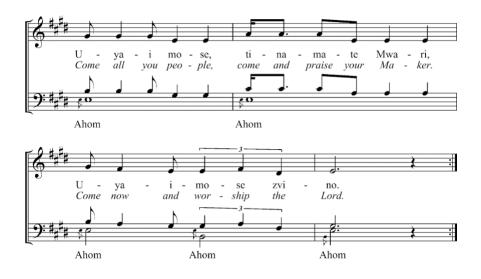
"... beside still waters ..." from *Windows of Comfort* – Dan Locklair This little light of mine – Ken Berg

#### HYMN

#### MHSO 2

Come all you people Sung in English





### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.<br/>Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN

#### Longing for Light



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#### MHSO 59

## Weary Souls Awaken

"The soul grows tired from carrying the weight of the world; let it rest and find its wings." – Atticus

### READING

### 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

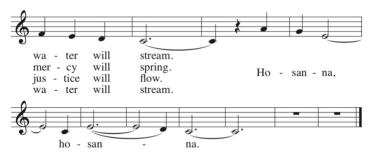
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

#### HYMN

Thirsty We Wander

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**David Bjorlin** 



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#### READING

The Gift

Be still, my soul, and steadfast. Earth and heaven both are still watching though time is draining from the clock and your walk, that was confident and quick, has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let the heart still play its true part. Love still as once you loved, deeply and without patience. Let God and the world know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

- Mary Oliver

### READING

### Matthew 5: The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;

and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them: *Refrain* 



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. (Refrain) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Refrain)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: God of eternal light and everlasting glory, send the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ upon us that we may be transfigured by the dazzling vision of his goodness, as we bring our prayers to you, saying: Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God *in the face of Jesus Christ.* 

Litanist: You have caused your Church to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ: Inspire our witness to him that all the earth may be raised to a new vision of your abiding presence and love. Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of *God in the face of Jesus Christ.* 

Before you there is a consuming flame and round about you a raging storm, O God: Humble our leaders and all who exercise authority among the nations of the world, that they may keep before them the vision of your peace. Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God *in the face of Jesus Christ.* 

You see the suffering of people throughout the world struggling in the midst of poverty, violence, injustice, and illness; you know those desperate ones who have no hope or vision for themselves or their loved ones: Let your transfiguring grace bring light and hope to all who yearn for something new. Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God *in the face of Jesus Christ.* 

Shine your light into the hearts of this community and overshadow us with the cloud of your presence, that this may be a place of illumination and grace. Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God *in the face of Jesus Christ.* 

You call the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting:

Hear our prayers for all who need your light, especially \_\_\_\_.

We give you thanks for the light of your blessing, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

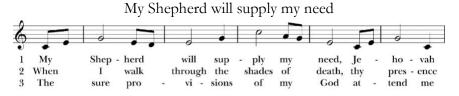
Hear our prayers for those who have ascended with Elijah and Jesus into your eternal light, especially \_\_\_\_.

Give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Presider: Holy and eternal God, grant us grace to ascend unto your holy mountain and to see the dazzling vision of your transfigured reality in our worship and prayer this day; strengthen us to listen to your voice and to follow you in faithful service, even when you are hidden from us, until at last we see you face to face in your eternal and everlasting glory, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 

### HYMN

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Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

## Peace from Darkness

"Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

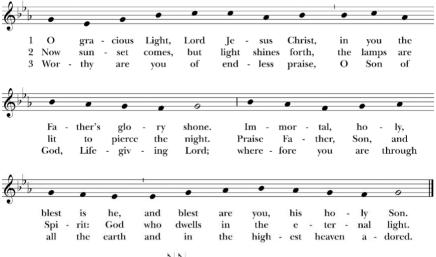
### READING

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

#### HYMN

#### O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ Soloists



This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of O Gracious Light. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

#### READING

#### John 9:1-7

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As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

#### HYMN

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#### READING

#### The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought

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of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free. — Wendell Berry

#### OFFERTORY

Rubrics IV. "The peace may be exchanged" - Dan Locklair

#### RESPONSE

Presider	You, O Lord, are my lamp;
	My God, you make my darkness bright.
People	You, O Lord, are my lamp;
	My God, you make my darkness bright.
	You have been my helper:
	My God, you make my darkness bright
	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
	Spirit
	You, O Lord, are my lamp;
	My God, you make my darkness bright.
Presider	May Christ's light and the peace of God be always
	with you
People	And also with you

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Within Us

Deep within each of us is a spark of the divine just waiting to be used to light up a dark place. – Fred Rogers

#### HYMN

### I want to walk as a child of the light



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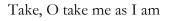


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#### READING

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."

#### HYMN



#### Take, O take me as I am: sum - mon out what I shall be: and set your seal up on my heart live in me.

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### READING

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes a lifetime to open our eyes, to learn to see what has forever shimmered in front of us—

the luminous line of the map in the dark

the vigil flame in the house of the heart

### Where the Light Begins

the love so searing we cannot keep from singing, from crying out in testimony and praise. Perhaps this day will be the mountain over which the dawn breaks.

Perhaps we will turn our face toward it, toward what has been always.

#### John 8:12

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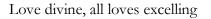
Perhaps our eyes will finally open in ancient recognition, willingly dazzled, illuminated at last.

Perhaps this day the light begins in us.

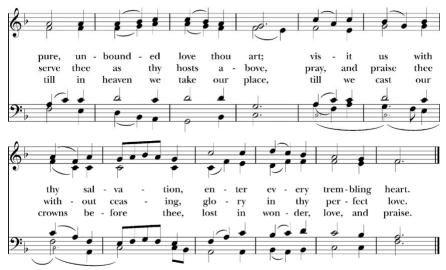
- Jan Richardson

#### HYMN

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## Let it Shine

### "In the midst of darkness, light persists." – Mahatma Gandhi

#### READING

#### Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it 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.

### READING

There's a light that burns within you that illuminates your soul They say its always been there Steady bright and in control

### The Light Within

It's the guiding spirit that drives you As you live your life each day Shining a light on the darkest paths

As you walk along the way It's the light outside the shadows A lonely life can cast But if you look to feel it The darkness will not last There's a light of love within you That illuminates your face a gentle warmth that surrounds you When your heart is in that place The brightness of the spirit And all the love you share

Embracing it with a passion

Nurturing it with care

Live the life within you Sharing it with others let it shine on brightly true keeper of the fire

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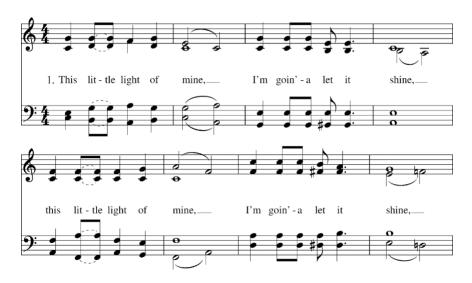
- William Lindenmuth

Within the light is life's

Things close to the heart



This little light of mine



believed A summation of your life time And all things you perceived Let the light shine through embraced by love so true the light that burns within you the warmth of life's desire

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#### BENEDICTION

#### ANTHEM

### True Light

### Keith Hampton

You are light. May your light shine always.

### Serving Today 2/11

Officiant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir Lectors: Tony Nagygyor and Kate Butler Usher: Chris Denhart Altar Guild: Maggie Nelson Coffee Hour: Julie Chaney

### Serving Next Week 2/18

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Preacher: The Rev. Mary Taflinger Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir Lectors: Jackson Hearn and Suzanne Kammer Usher: Amanda Almaguer Altar Guild: Darryn Edwards Coffee Hour: Tony and Amanda Almaguer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### Annual Meeting Recap and Updated Pledge Card



Many thanks to all those who attended the Annual Meeting this past Sunday-- we had a great turnout! In addition to reports on the various happenings, ministries, and growth of All Saints, the Vestry presented some

important information regarding our parish finances. While the total number of pledging households (42) is up for 2024, the total amount of pledged dollars is down significantly; this is due primarily to the deaths of several generous and faithful givers. This year, we are currently looking at a budget deficit of close to **\$38,000**. Our Vestry asked that all households prayerfully consider the possibility of an increase to their 2024 pledge or to make a pledge for the first time. So far, we have received **\$7,860** in increased 2024 pledges. We invite you to return the card you received during the meeting to the offering plate this Sunday, or you may also fill out a digital version of the card with the QR code above. If you have any questions, please reach out to Meredith+ at clergy@allsaintscincinnati.org

### Saints and Sinners and Ash Wednesday on Feb. 13th and 14th

Since our normal Saints and Sinners date falls on Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day, we will gather a day early and enjoy Mardi Gras together! Meet us at Element Eatery in Madisonville from 7-9pm. This year our Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, February 14th. At this liturgy we will offer the imposition of ashes as well as the Eucharist. See you there!

### Lenten Formation Class

Our Wednesday night formation class is starting up again in a few short weeks! We will meet as two classes: Walking in Love (Episcopal 101) and a Lenten study around forgiveness. We'll gather all together at the beginning and end of class, before and after breaking off into two groups. We will meet **Wednesdays Feb. 21, Feb. 28, and March 6**. We'll break for one week on March 13 for our regular monthly Saints and Sinners Club before resuming on **Wednesdays March 20, March 27, and April 3.** Class will run from 7:00-8:30pm in the Vestry Room. Questions? Email Meredith+ at <u>clergy@allsaintscincinnati.org</u>

### Divine! Youth Group

Starting February 21st, Calvary Episcopal Church in Clifton is hosting a program for LGBTQ+ youth and their families looking for a safe space to receive support while exploring their faith. All Saints is one of 6 other parishes supporting their work. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm Feb. 21, 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. For more information, contact Deneen Trombetti.

### All Saints Goes to Tikkun Farm

Imagine Cincinnati has invited All Saints to attend a Winter Family Celebration on February 24th at 4:00pm. Come learn what the farm has to offer in winter and get to know the programming of Imagine Cincinnati, which hosts spaces and events for parents & caregivers to build rhythms, create family rituals, and cultivate spirituality. Families of all ages and abilities are welcome. Grandparents and solo adults are also welcome. Please note: a vegetarian dinner will be served, and we'll be outdoors for half of the event (so dress accordingly!) For questions and registrations, email Julie at children@allsaintscincinnati.org

### **Digital Visitor's Card**



If you are new among us, we offer you a special word of welcome at worship this morning and invite you to join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and

fellowship. We'd love to greet you and answer any questions you might have. Whether you're a first-time visitor or have been around All Saints for a while, please scan the QR code above. We'd love to learn more about you and add you to our weekly email newsletter list.

### Ways to Give



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash/checks in the offering plate. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give online by he OR code.

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### Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Jonathan Hornschemeier, Adam Buckley, Kyla, Ron and Karen Murphy, The McOsker Family, the Family of Ed Nare, Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names will remain on the list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.



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