

The Lord is My Light
Psalm 27; John 8:12-20

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and
truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymn –

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil.
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For you are with me, and Your rod and staff,
Are the comfort I need to know

Reading

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour[a] me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,

my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

John 8:12-20

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Intercessions

The Peace

Blessing:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Please could we ask if you are staying for coffee to move to the green tables so that the seats are free for those attending the next service.

NOTE: Distribution of communion.

Bread:

- We serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a wafer when you come forward.

Wine:

- We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.
- Non-alcoholic wine is available in individual glasses. If you wish to receive in this way please come forward with your service sheet in your hands. We will bring you the tray of glasses. **A blessing:**
- If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward keep your hands by your side and we will pray for yo

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