

PSALM 27 Refrain: *The lord is my light and my salvation. (p. 735)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. AMEN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Ascension Prayer Cycle: Amanda, Andrea, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Barry, Baxter, Beulah, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Carl, Charles, Christina, Clarence, Claude, Connie, David, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Donna, Doreen, Doris, Dulcie, Ed, Edgar, Edith, Elaine, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Erin, Evelyn, Frederick, Flo, Frank, George, Georgina, Gerry, Gordon, Harry, Harryetta, Herb, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Joan, Joanna, John, Josephine, Judy, Karen, Kevin, Laura, Leo, Leonie, Lori, Louise, Lucy, Madeline, Madelyn, Margaret, Marina, Marie, Marion, Maurice, Maxine, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Michelle, Mildred, Nicole, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Phyllis, Randy, Randell, Raymond, Robert, Roland, Ruth, Razia Rita, Scott, Sean, Shoma, Stephen, Suzie, Tina, Todd, Valerie, Warwick, Wilfred, Yvonne.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Holy One, your steadfast love surrounds us. You watch over us, care for us, and gently lead us through the wilderness to life-giving paths. We pray for Christ's church, for our bishop, Sam, and for all bishops and denominational leaders, for parish clergy and lay leaders, and all who follow Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Deliver us, God, when we are tempted to justify the oppression of others, offer our neighbours stones instead of bread, defeatism instead of hope, or avert our attention away from people, places, and situations that make us uncomfortable. Challenge in us the temptation of complacency and turn us again to you, your paths, and your understandings. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We live in a world full of crises. We seek your wisdom, so that we can faithfully respond to homelessness, poverty, racism, nationalism, climate change and the work of truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We pray for a just peace in the world, and may that peace begin with us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Wherever there is suffering in this world, wherever a person's basic human rights are not being met, wherever there is systemic oppression and discrimination, we ask that you be particularly present, God, and that you mobilize us to work toward justice-based solutions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We hold in solidarity those who are sick, suffering, struggling, or grief stricken, especially those who have asked for our prayers and those whom we wish to name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Be their refuge and stronghold in these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy one, as we continue our Lenten journey, strengthen us to do your work in the world. Amen.