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God make the door of this House wide enough to receive all who need human love, friendship, and the Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all pride, envy and hatred. Make its threshold smooth enough for the feet of little children and rugged enough to call forth our mature powers.

AN ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP
ELEVEN O'CLOCK PALM SUNDAY MARCH 26, 1961

"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Suite Gothique" Boellmann
and

Prayer of Preparation

O God, our Father, we thank Thee this day that Thou
didst so love the world that Thou didst give Thine
only Son for us and for all mankind.

We give Thee thanks this day for Jesus Christ, our
blessed Lord, and for His death upon the Cross.

That He was obedient unto death, even the death
of the Cross;

That He loved us and gave Himself for us;

That He came to seek and to save that which was lost;

That He gave His life a ransom for many, a ransom
for us:

We give Thee thanks this day, O God.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay
down his life for his friends. Help us this day
to remember, and never again to forget, the love
of Him who laid down His life for us.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,

To bear the Cross and shame,

That guilty sinners, such as I,

Might plead Thy gracious Name!

Hear this our prayer, for Thy love's sake. Amen.

Preparation of Ministers and Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN * "When, His Salvation Bringing" No. 186

-Congregation sings all stanzas, stand on second-

CALL TO WORSHIP * Let Us Worship God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Responsive) Psalm 24 Page 473, Sel. 6

CAROL CHOIR "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Grimes
"When the Children Sang" Dungan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

CONFESSION OF FAITH * The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again
from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI *

MORNING PRAYERS

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Intercession

Communion of Saints

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

HYMN "O Jesus, We Adore Thee" No. 200

OFFERING Let us make our offering unto Almighty God

OFFERTORY (Choir School) "On the Way to Jerusalem" Maunder

DOXOLOGY *

SERMON CHRIST'S ENTRY The Assistant Minister

ASCRIPTION

RECESSIONAL * "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 187

BENEDICTION and Choral Response POSTLUDE

* Congregation stands.

Children will leave for Junior Church after the Doxology.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service of Holy Communion and Confirmation at 7:30 P. M.
Thursday, March 30th, in the Sanctuary. Communion Tabs
will be mailed this week. Nursery will be available.

-Boys and Girls uniting with the Church will meet with
the Session at 6:45 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Parents
are expected to attend also.-

MEDITATIONS FOR WEEK OF SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT - found in
your bulletin - is given by the Women of the Church.

Mrs. L. J. Kirkland, Spiritual Growth Chairman

Thursday — The Glory that Shines from the Cross

Read John 12:20-36

"The hour has come." . . . In order to "bear fruit," the grain has to be buried in the earth and die. Jesus does not say this of himself only but of everyone who claims to serve and follow Him. Our old self must die if we are to share in His life.

Jesus speaks openly of His anguish of soul (John 12:27; Mark 14:33-36). But for "this hour" has He come (John 17:1-2). Through His obedience unto death will He glorify His Father and "draw all men" to himself (John 12:32). Mankind's salvation is at stake. Now is the supreme battle with the "ruler of this world" to be fought. Now is the great Accuser of men to be cast out. The lifting up of the Son on the Cross is the way to eternal glory not only for Him but for all those who believe in Him.

"Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you." (John 12:35.)

PRAYER: Forbid, O God, that we should forget, amid our earthly comforts, the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. As Thou hast given Thyself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to Thee, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Friday — The Power of Darkness

Read Mark 15:1-39

"This is your hour, and the power of darkness" (Luke 22:53). It is "night" when Judas leaves the upper room to betray his Master (John 13:30); it is night when the arrest takes place. It is said that during the last three hours of Jesus' agony, (noon to 3 P.M.) darkness covered the land (Mark 15:33). And this outer darkness is like the visible sign of the ultimate struggle which takes place on the Cross between the powers of evil and the Son of God. "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me!" Does it not sound as if the "ruler of this world" had won the day?

And yet, for this hour has the Son come. In and through this darkness is the ultimate victory of divine faith and love won.

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes didst suffer death upon the Cross, kindle in our hearts Thy burning love for all men; grant us with Thee to forgive, with Thee to suffer, and in Thee to overcome. Amen.

Saturday — Building the Fellowship of Love

Read I John 1:5, 2:11

Jesus entered a world of strife and tension, of black hatred and broken relationships. He came that men might be reconciled to God and to one another. He came in order to build up amidst this world a fellowship of love — His Church — He offered himself "for the sins of the whole world."

We still live in a world of "cold" or "hot" war, of social, national, racial tensions — a world of suffering and death. It is in this world that we have to stand as messengers of dawn, as those for whom "the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining" (1 John 2:8).

Let us pray for our torn world, for our divided Churches, for those whom we find it difficult to love.

Let us remember our Lord's prayer on the eve of His death: "that they all may be one . . . that the world may believe" . . . (John 17:20-21).

PRAYER: Lord, have mercy upon us sinners! Amen.

Easter Sunday — "And Their Eyes Were Opened"

Read Luke 24:13-35

This is a mysterious story: Jesus walks along the road with two of His disciples and they do not recognize Him until He himself opens their eyes at "the breaking of the bread" . . . "and they recognized Him."

Is not the Son of man still walking among men, knocking at the doors of their hearts?

PRAYER: Lord, open my eyes, that I may truly believe in Thy victory over all the powers of darkness which still surround and besiege me! Deliver me from my doubts and fears.

Lord, open my eyes, that I may see Thee at work in Thy Church and in the world and wait in faith for the day when all will behold Thy glory.

Lord, who didst take the place of every one of us on the Cross, open my eyes that I may recognize and serve Thee in every suffering human being Thou puttest on my path. Amen.

Dr. Suzanne de Dietrich of Paris, France, is an eminent theologian, Bible teacher and author.

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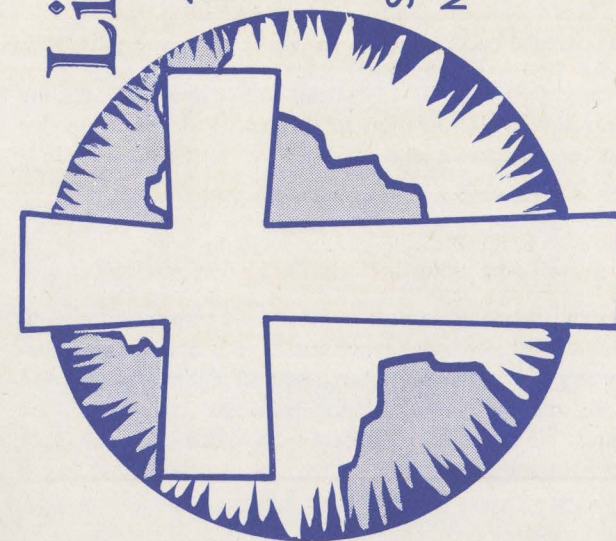
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Light of
the World

Meditations for
WEEK OF
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT
March 26 — April 2, 1961

by
Suzanne de Dietrich



Theme — Light of the World

God Is Light

It is one of the marvels of the Bible that it describes the realities of faith not in abstract language but in words and images familiar to the common man.

Light evokes the magic of dawn, the wonder of a starry night. The psalmist contemplates the works of God with reverence and awe as the reflection in the earthly realm of God's glory:

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, thou art very great!
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty,
who coverest thyself with light as with
a garment,
who hast stretched out the heavens like
a tent. —Psalm 104:1-2

Light is a necessary condition of life in the physical world we know. If the sun stopped shining the earth would be frozen to death. In a deeper way, the world only lives because God's light shines upon it — and this light is His lifegiving word, His forthcoming and sustaining love:

For with thee is the fountain of life;
in thy light do we see light. —Psalm 36:9

Light reveals things as they are: it dispels illusion, uncovers what is hidden. The light of God pierces all darkness, it searches the heart:

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to thee,
the night is bright as the day;
for darkness is as light with thee.
—Psalm 139:11-12

Thus light becomes synonymous of truth and judgment.

Light shining in darkness shows the way to the traveller. It is salvation to the lost. It leads the sailor to the harbour and the pilgrim to the City of God:

Oh send out thy light and thy truth;
let them lead me,
let them bring me to thy holy hill
and to thy dwelling! —Psalm 43:3

The Biblical message comes to us through men who knew in their own experience the sharp contrast between night and day, blindness and sight, captivity and freedom, treachery and fidelity, death and life. In the midst of such experiences God's Word came to them as light and life.

Palm Sunday — The Light and Life of Men

Read John 1:1-18

The first words of St. John's Gospel recall the first words of Genesis: "God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." The Word is with God, it is God. It is at the origin of all things; it is life and light. Nothing exists outside of it.

But now the Word becomes flesh. The Holy God who "dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16) — whose glory cannot be borne by human eyes (Exodus 33:18-23) — has become Man, so that we may "behold his glory" and be made "children of God."

Every visitation of God calls for a decision — for or against the shining light. On Palm Sunday the disciples hail their King: "Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" A few days later, the Holy City will reject Him and the crowds will shout: "Crucify Him!" "He came to his own home and his own people received him not." (John 1:11.)

Among the shouting crowds, Jesus goes His solitary way to the Cross: "The light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19-21.)

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, who as on this day didst enter the rebellious city where thou wast to die, enter our hearts, we beseech Thee, and subdue them wholly to Thyself. Amen.

Monday — "I am the Light of the World"

Read John 9:1-12, 35-41

This is the story of a man born blind. Jesus heals him. The man does not know yet who Jesus is. He can only witness to what has happened to him: "I was blind, now I see" (v.25). Then the decisive event takes place. Jesus opens the man's eyes a second time — the eyes of faith — so that the man may know whom he met: his Lord and Saviour. Now the true Light has shone — "and he worshipped Him" (v.38).

The attitude of the Pharisees stands in sharp contrast to that of the healed man. Their guilt is not their blindness but the claim that they see. They are very religious people; they are so sure of their righteousness that they have no place in their hearts for the God of mercy. They do not recognize Him when He walks their way. So their blindness remains.

PRAYER: O Lord, as Thou walkest among men, healing and saving, may I not be deaf to Thy call, blind to Thy presence! Hasten the day, O Lord, when the whole world will acknowledge and worship Thee. Amen.

Tuesday — "A Light to the Nations"

Read Isaiah 42:1-7; Philippians 2:5-11

Isaiah speaks about a "Servant," chosen of God, despised and rejected of men, whose labours and vicarious sufferings will bring justice and peace on earth. Through His self-offering, He will not only save His people but be "a light of the nations" (cf. also Isaiah 49:1-6; 52:13; 53:12).

The prophecy is now fulfilled: Jesus has come as a Servant, obedient unto death. The very humility of His appearance is the stumbling block which in the last week of His earthly life — and ever since — has caused many to fall. Yet the time will come when before Him every knee will have to bow.

St. Paul's message to the Church takes a concrete turn: "Have this mind among yourselves that you have in Christ Jesus" . . . "He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant" . . . "He humbled himself."

"Have this mind among yourselves." — Do we?

Do we "shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life"? (Philippians 2:15-16.)

PRAYER: O Lord, give Thy Church that spirit of humility, service and mutual love which will allow her light to shine and her witness to be heard. Amen.

Wednesday — "You Are the Light of the World"

Read Matthew 5:1-16

"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . Blessed are the pure in heart . . . Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. . . ."

"You are the salt of the earth."
"You are the light of the world."

You are the light of the world because the Spirit of the Son of man dwells in you, because His light shines upon and through you. All works will therefore bear His mark, so that those who see them will "give glory to the Father."

The city on the hill cannot be hid: the lonely traveller sees it from afar. The lamp "gives light to all in the house."

Is our community such a city? our lamp such a light?

PRAYER: O Lord, Thou hast brought us from darkness to Thy marvelous light. Grant us so to live in Thy presence that the most humble task will become meaningful, the hardest task a blessing because accomplished for the love of Thee. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM WAS ADMINISTERED ON LAST Sunday morning at ten thirty o'clock to:

Jeffrey A. Lee, son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin G. Lee

THE EASTER OFFERING for Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid will be received at both the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Services.

SESSION & DIACONATE

A Joint Meeting is called for Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30, in the Church Parlor to hear report of Christian Education Committee.

TEXTBOOKS FOR THE COURSE - "The Bible As Witness and Instrument With Children," to be taught in our Church by Miss Helen Jackson, April 9 - 11, are available in the Church Office. Registration cards are also in the office. All teachers and parents of children through age 12 are urged to procure books and plan to attend this course. Textbooks are \$.75 each.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY: Church School: Classes for all ages, 9:30

Nursery: Ch. Sch.: Mrs. F. Bersebach, Director

Worship Service: Mrs. P. A. Sloan, Jr.

JUNIORS, PIONEERS AND SENIORS: Recreation - 5:00,

Supper - 6:00 (bring sandwiches, dessert and beverage furnished), Worship & Study - 6:30.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: 5:00 P.M. with the Minister

MONDAY: WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Meeting in Church Parlor at 10:30 A. M.

SCOUTS - Troop 412: 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY: ELDERS & DEACONS: 7:30 - Church Parlor

CAROL CHOIR: 3:15 - CHOIR SCHOOL: 4:00

WEDNESDAY: NO MID-WEEK SERVICE THIS WEEK

THURSDAY:

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION & COMMUNION

7:30 P.M. - Nursery facilities will be available.

FRIDAY: SCOUTS - WEBLOS: 7:30 P. M.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We invite you to sign a Visitor's Card to indicate your presence or interest in Church Membership.