

ALTENBERGER  LICHT

LIGHT IN SIGHT

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2 Cor 4:7



Guide to the Light of Altenberg

with songs for vigil and sending
forth Mass as well as information
about the programme

Thoughts on the Motto of the Light of Altenberg 2023: Light in Sight “But we have this treasure in jars of clay.” (2 Cor 4:7)

I am writing these lines and thoughts on 24 February 2023, remembering the beginning of a war. One year ago, Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine with his military—one year war in Europe. For one year we have been receiving news, pictures and stories of people fleeing *in* Europe, not merely *to* Europe. This has been a new and frightening experience.

It is a war that has come very close to us. Some of us have met, maybe even welcomed, people who have had to flee. We have heard stories of people who have lost their homes, family members or at least their sense of security. People whose world has been shattered.

And our world has been cracked as well. Fears of a nuclear threat have returned to a society whose younger half knows such fear only from history.

And that is just *one* of the crises we have experienced in the past year. Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, economic crisis, climate crisis, energy crisis, church crisis, violence and sorrow in so many countries of our world—and, and, and. It seems as if all our feeling of security are being put to the test, knocked off, critically examined at the moment.

That is why we, the team of the Light of Altenberg, really had difficulties in finding the motto for this year’s event. It is the *abundance of crises* and seemingly hopeless situations that wears us down and exhausts us so much, that often hardly outrages us (frightening, actually), but rather makes us incredibly tired and afraid, at least every now and then.

This darkness, that tires, we want to resist and contradict, perhaps quietly, but deeply convinced! Yes, it might be dark—but Christians have despite everything LIGHT IN THEMSELVES and LIGHT IN SIGHT. In you and in me, in us shines a light, even if it flickers sometimes. In you and in me, for you and for me, there is a light—even if it sometimes gets out of sight.

A mirage, a will-o’-the-wisp, a deceptive hope? Or a real light that has been shining in this world and in ourselves since ages? I am rock-solidly convinced that the light is there and is real and does not fade! In me glows a little spark of faith, hope and love, a little spark of God and

friendship, a spark of goodness and beauty, which in the end is unbreakable.

However: *we carry this light in fragile vessels*. The 2nd letter to the Corinthians also already speaks of this. The apostle Paul knew this, experienced it in his time. We carry the precious treasure of light in very fragile lanterns. The crises mentioned at the beginning are an expression of this fragility: our society and legal systems, the whole world is fragile in its breathtaking complexity and beauty, and so are we.

We are fragile, need careful attention, loving care, caution and prudence, cannot afford heedlessness. Neither to ourselves nor to the world or to our fellow human beings. Fragility is the flip side and expression of our preciousness. Precious things are often also fragile things.

We celebrate the Light of Altenberg because we know that we are precious to *someone*. “For God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” (2 Cor. 4:6); this sentence precedes the sentence from our motto. And that is exactly why we celebrate the Light of Altenberg. *That light shines out of darkness!*



*Fr. Tobias Schwaderlapp
(Diocesan Youth Minister)
on this year’s motto.*

The Light of Altenberg

The History

The Light of Altenberg takes its name from the small town of Altenberg in the Bergisches Land. Here, in 1922, within the walls of a former Cistercian abbey, still commemorated by its monastery church, the Altenberg Cathedral, today's youth education centre of the Archdiocese of Cologne was established. At that time, Altenberg developed into the centre of Catholic youth in Germany. The cathedral and the Altenberg Madonna became the outward sign of togetherness, the "heart of the covenant".



The Light of Altenberg was created in 1950 after the horrors of the Second World War as a sign of Catholic youth for reconciliation and peace in Europe. From Altenberg, a light was sent on its journey, which was passed on in the form of a star relay in all directions and reached the borders of Germany. Within a few years, this developed into a European theme.

In the mid-1960s, after the Second Vatican Council and the atmosphere of the emerging student unrest, the celebration of the Light of Altenberg was discontinued because it was felt that such a form of liturgical celebration was no longer appropriate for young people.

In 1980, a lively new beginning emerged. The number of participants grew from year to year, and at times around 3,000 young people from Germany and abroad came to Altenberg every year on 1 May to receive and carry the light.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II received the light in the Cologne football stadium on the occasion of Edith Stein's beatification and sent it on at the end of Holy Mass. At this great and groundbreaking event, the significance of the Light of Altenberg grew. From the 90s of the 20th century until today, the Light of Altenberg has been

carried again and again to outstanding events and to different places. For example, the Light of Altenberg was brought to the Katholikentag in Berlin (1990), to the Katholikentag in Dresden (1994), to Częstochowa, the great Marian place of pilgrimage of the Polish nation, and to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where it still burns in the death cell of the holy Father Maximilian Kolbe.

It made its way to France, to the French city of Besançon for an international youth meeting in the run-up to the Paris World Youth Day, to the Kosovo refugee camp in Albania to German soldiers who were there on a peace mission for Kosovo (1999), to the World Youth Day in Rome (2000) and even to Jerusalem in the Holy Land, where it was taken in 2002.

But there was also the reverse movement: The lighting of the light in an important place and bringing it to Altenberg. In 1993, for example, as part of the National Youth Day in Lithuania, the light was carried to Altenberg by young people from the partner dioceses of the Archdiocese of Cologne, Kaunas and Vilnius.

In 2005, it came to Altenberg as the Light of Bethlehem and was sent out as the Light of Altenberg in the presence of the World Youth Day Cross. In 2006, the light was lit at the grave of the recently deceased inventor of the World Youth Days, Pope John Paul II, and brought to the Light of Altenberg. The Light of Altenberg has seen many stages, which will not be elaborated on here.

After the Light of Altenberg could not be celebrated in 2020 due to the pandemic and took place mainly digitally the following year, we were finally able to send it out again in 2022 in the filled cathedral—albeit still with masks. This year we are looking forward to finally being able to look each other in the face again during the celebration and to carry a sign of hope and confidence into the world with the light.

Again and again, the Light of Altenberg is a sign of the togetherness of young Christians in Germany, in Europe and throughout the world.

NOTES

This Is What You Should Know

The sending forth of the Light of Altenberg is a spiritual event to which several thousand young people travel every year.

As organisers, we attach great importance to ensuring that this celebration retains its spiritual character. Therefore, we ask you to observe the following instructions.

The Light

To transport the light over longer distances, it is strongly recommended to use a closed lantern, oil or petroleum lamp. Before and after the sending forth Mass, the Altenberg Light Shop near the cathedral portal offers lanterns for sale.

The Catering

Tea and coffee will be served for breakfast at Haus Altenberg. After the sending forth Mass, participants will have the opportunity to fortify themselves for the journey home with a warm stew. Vegetarian pea soup will be served while stocks last.

Banners and Flags

We are again pleased about the many banners that have been brought to Altenberg. There is enough space for many banner bearers in the large choir room of Altenberg Cathedral; they should therefore also be present at the procession. The meeting point for the banner bearers is shortly before 10 a.m. in front of the main portal of the cathedral.

Prevention

It is important for us to point out at this point, in the sense of prevention, that we have a culture of mindfulness and have also created regulations and contact points for this. If you meet someone inappropriately and if they come too close to you, please contact your group leader or contact us directly via the telephone number below.

Worry and Wish Box

A worry and wish box, in the form of a fixed and lockable letterbox, is installed on the premises. Instructions for use can be found on the box itself.

Complaint Mobile Phone

The following number is active as an emergency number during the events: + 49 (0) 16 26 07 35 60

PROGRAMME

Sunday 30 April 2023

From 4 p.m.: Arrival

Room and campsite occupancy

7 p.m.: Opening

Programme in and around Haus Altenberg and cathedral with workshops, TeilBar

11 p.m.: Vigil

with lighting of the Light of Altenberg in the cathedral

Monday 1 May 2023

10 a.m.: Sending Forth Mass

with the sending of the Light of Altenberg and the peace message to the families and communities

After Mass: Stew Dinner

After the Mass, there will be the opportunity to stew while stocks last.



The Night Owls

Groups or individuals who are still adventurous and want to chat with each other are invited to the TeilBar in the new recreation room in Haus Altenberg, which is open until 2:30 a.m. Here you can toast with beer or wine that you have brought yourself—elsewhere it might disturb the night's rest. We especially appeal to the group leaders to point out these regulations to their own group. Please help us to make the Altenberg Light a pleasant, contemplative and unforgettable experience for all participants.

VIGIL

Interview with Polina Yukhymovych, a Young Woman from Ukraine

Celebrate His Love: Choir/Band

T: Evi Sturm | M: Andreas Doncic

Liturgical Opening and Welcome

Prayer

Good God, tonight we call out to you in the midst of the darkness of our lives. We look with concern at the great conflicts in our world. We recognise the discord in so many crisis areas around the world and here in Europe. We look with incomprehension and powerlessness at the continuing suffering and hardship of the people in Ukraine. We are overcome by helplessness in the face of so many who are waiting far from home for the war to end. We tremble with those who, burdened with the horror of war, persevere in the ruins and courageously fight for justice.

At the same time, we also worry about cohesion in our society and fear growing division. In our church, too, we look anxiously at the great conflicts, at the lack of unity and long for the reconciling power of our common faith.

But we also experience darkness in our personal relationships. Far too often we are impatient, self-centred and put others before ourselves. We notice that we too rarely

have an open ear for the concerns of others, and many conflicts remain unreconciled.

Last but not least, we are tormented by the darkness in our own hearts. We are trapped by fears and doubt our abilities. Far too often we are paralysed, insecure and disoriented. We hesitate before small and big life decisions and worry about our place in the world.

Good God, out of the darkness of our lives, we call to you tonight! We believe that you can transform our darkness. You yourself became man and know all that moves us. We ask you for your reconciling light, which may illuminate our hearts, our personal conflicts and the crises of our world. Give us the certainty that you are with us, and give us an open heart for your work tonight and all the days of our lives.

Amen.

Reading: 2 Cor 4:5-18

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light 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 Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed,

and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Light of the World

T+M: Tim Hughes

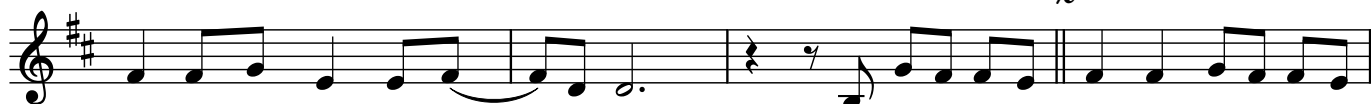


1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
 2. King of all day, oh so high - ly ex - al - ted, glo - rious in hea - ven a -



— see... Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
 - bove... Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

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hope of a life spent with You... So here I am to wor-ship here I am to
 all for love's sake be - came poor.



bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're al - to-geth-er



love - ly, al-to-geth-er wor-thy, al-to-geth-er won-der - ful to me.



And I'll nev - er know how much it cost to see my sin up-on



— that cross. And I'll nev- that cross So here I am to

Ignition of the Light of Altenberg

Durch das Dunkel hindurch

T: Hans-Jürgen Netz | M: Christoph Lehmann



1. Durch das	Dun-kei hin-durch	scheint der Him-mel	hell,	durch das
2. Durch das	Dun-kei hin-durch	dringt ein neu-es	Wort,	durch das
3. Durch das	Dun-kei hin-durch	führt ein neu-er	Weg,	durch das
4. Durch das	Dun-kei hin-durch	stärkt ein Bis-sen	Brot,	durch das
5. Durch das	Dun-kei hin-durch	schlie-ßen wir den	Bund,	durch das



Dun- kel hin- durch scheint der Him- mel hell. So hell soll auch die
 Dun- kel hin- durch dringt ein neu- es_ Wort. Das Wort wird uns zur
 Dun- kel hin- durch führt ein neu- er_ Weg. Der Weg wird uns - re
 Dun- kel hin- durch stärkt ein Bis- sen Brot. Das Brot soll un - ser
 Dun- kel hin- durch schlie- ßen wir den Bund. Den Bund, der uns mit



Er - de sein, _ steh auf, steh auf, steh auf! So hell soll auch die
 Zu - ver - sicht, steh auf, steh auf, steh auf! Das Wort wird uns zur
 Zu - kunft sein, _ steh auf, steh auf, steh auf! Der Weg wird uns - re
 Zei - chen sein, _ steh auf, steh auf, steh auf! Das Brot soll un - ser
 Gott ver - eint, _ steh auf, steh auf, steh auf! Den Bund, der uns mit



Er - de sein, _ steh auf!
 Zu - ver - sicht, _ steh auf!
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 Gott ver - eint, _ steh auf!

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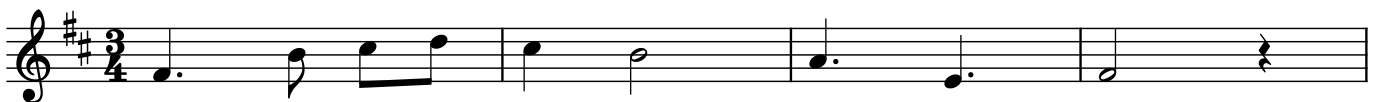
Draw Me Close to You: Choir/Band

T+M: Chris Lass

Exposition und Silence

Call to the Intercessions: Herr, in deine Hände

T+M: Gregor Linßen



Herr, in dei - ne Hän - de le - ge ich



1. mei - nen Weg, be - glei - te mich.
 2. mei - ne Zeit, er - bar - me dich.
 3. mei - ne Angst, er - hö - re mich.
 4. mei - nen Dank, ich glau - be an dich.

Our Father

Blessing

Auf dem Weg durch diese Nacht

T: Eugen Eckert | M: Horst Christill

1.+3. Auf dem Weg durch die-se Nacht, 1. hü - te uns dein Se - gen. Was zu
3. lass uns un - ter - tau - chen, Gott, bei

tun ging, ist ge - macht, was nicht, hilf ab - le - gen.
dir und hal - te Wacht, weil wir Frie - den brau - chen.

Blei - ben Fra - gen, halt sie aus;_ na - gen Zwei - fel, trös - te.____
Drü - cken Las - ten, heb sie auf;_ blu - ten Wun - den, hei - le.____

1.+3. Trägt uns, Gott, dein Flü - gel - schlag, wird ge - wiss ein neu - er Tag. → 2.+4. Auf dem

Weg durch die - se Nacht, 2. wenn die Kräf - te schwin - den, sei bei
4. hü - te uns dein Se - gen. Gott, er

uns, Gott, und gib Acht,____ dass wir Ru - he fin - den.
hält uns dei - ne Macht, kön - nen wir ab - le - gen.

Blei - ben Träu - me, mal sie aus;_ blüht die Lie - be, gieß sie.____
Blei - ben Ängs - te, halt uns warm; ist da Seh - nucht, still sie.____

2.+4. Trägt uns, Gott, dein Flü - gel - schlag, wird ge - wiss ein neu - er Tag.

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SENDING FORTH MASS

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Entry

Altenberger Wallfahrtslied

T: Georg Thrumair | M: Adolf Lohmann



1. Nun, Freun - de, sind wir wohl - ge - mut, so will es Gott__ ge - fal - len.
Der Herr ist sei - nem Vol - ke gut: Nun soll ein Lob__ er - schal - len.

2. Es lobt das Licht und das Ge - stein gar herr - lich dich__ mit Schwei - gen.
Der Son - ne Glanz, des Mon - des Schein will dei - ne Wun - der zei - gen.

3. Wir zün - den froh die Ker - zen an, dass sie sich still__ ver - bren - nen,
und lö - sen die - sen dunk - len Bann, dass wir kein Bild__ er - ken - nen.

4. Lass dei - ne Lich - ter hell und gut an al - len Stra - ßen bren - nen!
Gib al - len Her - zen rech - ten Mut, dass sie ihr Ziel__ er - ken - nen!



1. Wir grü - ßen dich in dei - nem Haus, du Mut - ter al - ler Gna - den. Nun
2. Wir a - ber kom - men aus der Zeit ganz arm__ in dei - ne Hel - le und
3. Du Mut - ter und du Kö - ni - gin, der al - les hin - ge - ge - ben, das
4. Und füh - re uns in al - ler Zeit mit dei - nen gu - ten Händ - den, um



brei - te dei - ne Hän - de aus, dann wird kein Feind__ uns scha - den.
tra - gen Sün - de, tra - gen Leid zu dei - ner Gna - den - quel - le.
En - de und der An - be - ginn, die Lie - be und__ das Le - ben.
Got - tes gro - ße Herr - lich - keit in De - mut zu__ voll - en - den.

Liturgical Opening

Poetry Slam on the Motto: Marvin Dederichs

Kyrie (from Mass of Remembrance)

T: liturgisch | M: Marty Haugen



Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chris-te e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

Gloria, Ehre sei Gott

T+M: Kathi Stimmer-Salzedner

Ref.

Glo - ri - a, Eh - re sei Gott und Frie - de den Men - schen sei - ner Gna - de!

Glo - ri - a, Eh - re sei Gott, er ist der Frie - de un - ter uns.

1. Wir lo - ben dich, wir prei - sen dich, wir
 2. Herr Je - sus Chris - tus, des Va - ters Sohn, nimm
 3. Denn du al - lein bist der Hei - li - ge, der

be - ten dich an, wir rüh - men dich und dan - ken dir, denn
 an un - ser Ge - bet. Du nimmst hin - weg die Schuld der Welt, er -
 Höchs - te, der Herr. Je - sus Chris - tus mit dem Heil' - gen Geist zur

groß ist dei - ne Herr - lich - keit. Ref.
 barm dich un - ser Got - tes Lamm.
 Eh - re Got - tes, des Va - ters.

Daily Prayer

Reading: Heb 10:22-25

Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good

deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Poema: Choir/Band

T: Marco Michalzik | M: Götz von Sydow, Thomas Enns, Florence Joy (Könige und Priester)

Hallelujah

T+M: aus Taizé

Hal - le - lu - ja, Hal - le - lu - ja. 1. lu - ja. 2. lu - ja.

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Hallelujah Reprise

Catechesis: Fr. Tobias Schwaderlapp

Intercessions

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Offertory: Näher mein Gott zu dir

T+M: Lothar Kosse



1. Man sagt, du wohnst auf ho - hen Ber - gen, man sagt, du thronst weit
Wir ziehn zu dir auf vie - len Stra - ßen, aus Nord und Süd und
2. Von vorn und hin - ten fest um - schlos - sen, du hast die Hand auf
Du hast die Au - gen ei - nes Va - ters. Die Sehn - sucht lässt mich



ü - berm Meer. Man sucht nach dir dort bei den Ber - gen,
Ost und West. Es ist nicht weit zu dei - nen Kam - mern,
mich ge - legt. Das Öl der Hei - lung aus - ge - gos - sen,
nie mehr gehn. Wie könnt ich je - mals von dir las - sen

1.



1. doch wohnst du nicht weit weg von hier.
2. und E - wig - keit ins Herz ge - sät.

2.



1. weil du dich von uns fin - den lässt.
2. und dein Ge - sicht nicht vor mir sehn.

Ref.



Nä - her, nä - her zu dir, nä - her mein Gott zu dir!

Sanctus: Herr, du bist heilig

T+M: Gregor Linßen

Ref.



Herr, du bist hei - lig im Him - mel und auf Er - den,



du bist hei - lig, du, un - ser Gott.



1. Singt dem Herrn, dem Herrn der Herr-lich - keit, ___ in sei-ner Macht
 2. Singt dem Herrn, er sei hoch-ge - lobt, ___ in sei-nen Hän -

— steht uns - re Welt. Singt dem Herrn, der uns von Schuld be - freit,
 - den liegt die Zeit. In sei - nem Na - men kommt in uns - ren Tod_

— der uns zu sei - nen Kin - dern zählt.
 — das Le - ben sei - ner E - wig - keit.

Our Father

Peace Greeting

Da berühren sich Himmel und Erde

T: Thomas Laubach | M: Christoph Lehmann



1. Wo Men-schen sich ver - ges - sen, die We - ge ver - las - sen
 2. Wo Men-schen sich ver - schen-ken, die Lie - be be - den-ken
 Ref. 3. Wo Men-schen sich ver - bün - den, den Hass ü - ber - win - den

und neu be - gin-nen, ganz neu, da be-rüh-ren sich Him-mel und

Er - de, dass Frie-den wer-de un-ter uns, da be-rüh-ren sich Him-mel und Er - de, dass

Frie - den wer - de un - ter uns.

Communion

Unchangeable: Choir/Band

T+M: Chris Lass

Weil es Liebe ist: Choir/Band

T+M: Max von Sydow (Könige und Priester)

Closing Prayer

Sending Forth of the Light of Altenberg

Ein Licht in dir geborgen

T+M: Gregor Linßen



1. Ein Fun - ke aus Stein ge - schla - gen wird
 2. 7 Glut in Was - sern ge - sun - ken wird
 3. Ein La - chen 7 in dei - nen Au - gen ver -



Feu - er in kal - ter Nacht. Ein Stern vom Him - mel ge - fal - len zieht
 Glanz in spie - geln - der Flut. Ein Strahl durch Wol - ken ge - drun - gen wird
 treibt die blin - de Wut. Ein Licht in dir ge - bor - gen wird

Ref.



Spu - ren von Got - tes Macht. So wie die Nacht flieht vor dem Mor - gen,
 Quell 7 von neu - em Mut.
 Kraft 7 in tie - fer Not.



so zieht die Angst aus dem Sinn, so wächst ein Licht in dir ge - bor - gen,



die Kraft zum neu - en Be - ginn.

Sending Forth Words

Irische Segenswünsche

T+M: Markus Pytlik



1. Mö - ge die Stra - ße uns zu - sam - men - füh - ren
 2. Füh - re die Stra - ße, die du gehst
 3. Hab un - tern Kopf ein wei - ches Kis - sen,
 4. Bis wir uns mal wie - der - se - hen,



und der Wind in dei - nem Rü - cken sein; sanft fal - le Re - gen
 im - mer nur zu dei - nem Ziel berg - ab; hab, wenn es kühl wird,
 ha - be Klei - dung und das täg - lich Brot; sei ü - ber vier - zig
 hof - fe ich, dass Gott dich nicht ver - lässt; er hal - te dich in



auf dei - ne Fel - der und warm auf dein Ge - sicht der Son - nen - schein.
 war - me Ge - dan - ken und den vol - len Mond in dunk - ler Nacht.
 Jah - re im Him - mel, be - vor der Teu - fel merkt, du bist schon tot.
 sei - nen Hän - den, doch drü - cke sei - ne Faust dich nie zu fest.

Und bis wir uns wie - der - se - hen, hal - te Gott dich fest in sei - ner Hand;

und bis wir uns wie - der - se - hen, hal - te Gott dich fest in sei - ner Hand.

Blessing

Celebrate His Love: Band

T: Evi Sturm | M: Andreas Doncic

Seasons of Love: Band

T+M: Jonathan Larson | Bearb.: Stefan Barde | Arr.: Mac Huff

Final Procession

Stew Dinner

After the sending forth Mass, participants will have the opportunity to fortify themselves for the journey home

with a warm stew. Vegetarian pea soup will be served while stocks last.

HANDING OVER THE LIGHT

Elements for a Service in the Parishes and at Other Places

Sometimes people come to a point in their lives where they think, I can't take it any more, my energy is down, I feel like I'm burnt out, breaking under the weight of worries and tasks and there is "no light in sight"—no matter if young or old, very personally or in experience of frightening situations in one's own family, town country or worldwide: War, terror, destruction, hatred, mobbing, envy, illness, discontent seem to gain and take away all hope. What can I do? Am I not just a "little light"?

Every year in Altenberg we light many "little lights", nourished by the faith in Christ Jesus, who is the "light of

the world", who wipes away all tears, who has overcome darkness and death, and whose good news can and should shine through us today. Perhaps we are just a small glow of light, a glimmer of hope, wherever people long for comfort, reach their limits, need encouragement and confidence, where they are alone or lost, exhausted or sick, old or unsuccessful, but with the light in our hands and hearts we prove something, we cause something: compassion, fellowship, peace, love and trust in God.

You can use these ideas and prayers or adapt the service according to your needs and wishes.

Song

Liturgical Opening

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Personal Words

Kyrie

- Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light and the hope of the world. Those who trusts in you find guidance and encouragement. Lord, have mercy.
- You call us to be light for others. Those who become inflamed by you can enthusiastically proclaim the Good News. Lord, have mercy.
- Your word enlightens the hearts of people. Those who believe in you can appreciate themselves with all strength and weaknesses. Christ, have mercy.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus! Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine; It will be you, shining on others through me. Let me thus praise You the way You love best, by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words, but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident

fullness of the love my heart bears to You. Amen.—*John Henry Newmann*



Reading to the Choice

Isaiah 60:1,16b,17b-20

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. I will appoint Peace as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Luke 11:33-36

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.”

Song

Catechesis

There are people who radiate from within themselves; when they enter a room, the sun seems to rise and others' hearts warm. These people are like a glimmer of hope in everyday life and in difficult situations. Their energy and enthusiasm, their unwavering hope and charisma, have an invigorating and encouraging effect on others. The joy in their eyes reflects courage to face life, interest in others and appreciation, and drives away, at least for a moment, all own worries and problems. Yet they themselves are often not the ones who are brimming with strength or coolness, who are spoiled with success and luck. Nevertheless, an inner light burns in them, they are filled with gratitude and contentment, which they can preserve and cherish because they have experienced that their prestige, their dignity, their luminosity come from God.

You don't have to be particularly smart, huge, beautiful, rich, cool or healthy to make the difference. When Paul speaks of God placing the precious treasure of peace,

2 Corinthians 4:6-9,16

For it is the God who said, “Let light 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 Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.



freedom, love, justice, faith and happiness in delicate fragile vessels, it is a fitting image. And his own experience. The apostle was anything but a religious superman; he who inspired others and led them to faith with his gifts recognizes that the more he admits his own weakness, the brighter his testimony of faith shines. The Good News sparkles through people with cracks and fractures, through those who are transparent and translucent like fine porcelain, who become visible because they carry the light of Christ within them and keep it even if life offers hard moments, who are careful and prudent with themselves, their own souls.

“Windows to the soul” are the eyes, it is said. By the eyes it is possible to recognize what a person feels and how he or she is really doing, whether something is meant seriously and corresponds to the truth. Those who look up have nothing to hide, those who maintain eye contact create a relationship. Eyes shine when we are at peace with ourselves, when we are pleased and happy, they darken in anger, sadness and disappointment. When you are able to smile at yourself in the mirror, it usually sparks a positive feeling of inner contentment and joy. This can even be learned, as scientists have found out; also by noticing and appreciating our God-given individual personality and using our talents.

Everyone would like to be seen, to enjoy prestige with what he or she can do; but no one has to do this solely out of him- or herself or even have the ambition to outshine others. If we believe that God’s glory shines for us and through us, in very different ways, then we no longer need other illuminants. The world needs people

Song

Intercessions

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the World. You came to provide brightness, warmth, healing and kindness. Therefore, we pray with confidence ...

- ... for the people who lost their homes, who suffer from violence and war, whose dignity and reputation are trampled.
- ... for all those whose lives are dark, who feel empty and exhausted, who are sick and discouraged.
- ... for all those who doubt and struggle to make decisions, who search for orientation and knowledge.
- ... for the children who lack attention and love, who have no one to listen to them or to support them.
- ... for the mourners who seek consolation.
- ... for all those who bear responsibility and make decisions for the lives of others and for our world.

who do not consider themselves to be the source of light, who do not want to shine for their own admiration, but who allow themselves to be ignited by God and placed on a lampstand, who share their light and ensure that it becomes a little bit brighter in the world through encouraging words, beneficial closeness and loving attention.



- ... for light wherever natural catastrophes destroy livelihoods, where knives, fists and weapons extinguish lives.
- ... for light, where fear and uncertainty paralyse, where hatred is fomented and reconciliation and peace seem impossible.

Our Father

Everything, and also the prayers, that we carry silently in our hearts, we include in the prayer of the children of God: Our Father ...

Impuls

Light distribution to all the participants.

I can shine because I trust the light more than the darkness.

I can shine, trusting in God who brought light into this world through his Son and fills me with his Holy Spirit.

I can shine and be translucent to the light of God like an angel.

Blessing

If you have only a spark of joy, share it with others.

If you have a spark of compassion and understanding, show it openly.

If you have a spark of hope and trust, support others.

If you have a spark of happiness, give it away without thinking twice.

If you have a spark of courage, stand by it with all determination.

If you have a spark of faith, proclaim the good news.

Little sparks become light and fire that shines and gives comfort.

Song



I am a glow of light when I see the need of others and help them,

when I stand up for the truth,
when I bring about reconciliation and learn to forgive for myself,
when I care for others and listen to them.

I am a glimmer of hope when I share my joy, my time, my trust, my faith with others. I shine when I accept myself with my gifts and limitations, my strengths and faults.

May the presence, the power and the light of God be with you at all times.

May you experience through your life that you can be a light and a sign of confidence for others.

May you value your specialness and respect the diversity of others.

May you look at yourself with the same joy, love and kindness with which God looks at you.

May God bless you—today and all the days of your life.

And so bless us all God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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