

**ARISE AND SHINE**  
**Week 2: Reflected Light**

*Like jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. Zechariah 9:16*

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Let your light shine before others,

**So that they may see your good works—**

And give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**We proclaim the praises of him,**

Who called us out of darkness—

**Into his marvelous light!**

**Hymn**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

**ELW 314**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893  
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## Confession & Absolution

Heavenly Father, it is only because of your promises of light in Christ Jesus that we come before you, pleading for mercy.

**Forgive the darkness within me, and the darkness that surrounds me.**

Forgive my many failures to shine with Christ's love and live as the light of the world.

**Forgive the harsh judgments I make of others, and the leniency I show myself.**

Forgive the lies I tell others and the truths I avoid for myself.

**Forgive the pain I cause others and the indulgence I show myself.**

People of God, I have great news for you! Your Father in heaven

accepts Christ's worthiness for your unworthiness, his sinlessness for your transgressions, his purity for your uncleanness and his blazing light for your deep darkness. It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves—it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

<sup>16</sup>On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

<sup>17</sup>For what goodness and beauty are his!

Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

### **Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. <sup>16</sup>It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>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.

## Hymn

### *This Little Light of Mine*

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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## Sermon

## **Prayers**

Father in heaven, you are so good, you are so faithful, and you love us so extravagantly and passionately! Empower us to believe that,  
**Beauty loves the beast.**

You make us beautiful. Empower us to see ourselves through your eyes.

**Beauty loves the beast.**

You make us beautiful. Help us to focus on you and on the forgiveness we have in Christ.

**Beauty loves the beast.**

You make us beautiful. Send your Holy Spirit so we believe and receive this promise, that we shall shine like the jewels of a crown.

**Beauty loves the beast.**

You will make us beautiful, shining like jewels, in your presence forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

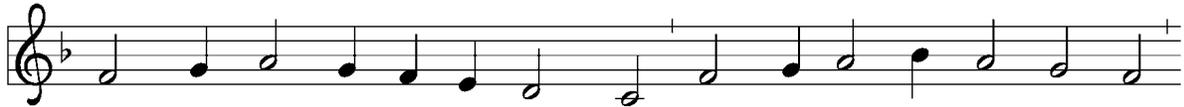
**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Let your light shine before others,

**So that they may see your good works and give glory to your  
Father who is in heaven!**

**Hymn****“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”****ELW 256**

1 “Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!” So says our God.  
2 For the her-ald’s voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row’s load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God’s ho - ly reign.



To God’s peo - ple now pro-claim that God’s par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God’s word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551