

Litany of the Dawn - Thursday

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.

Thanks be to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

Bell x3

Silence is kept.

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

Gracious God,

We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into your world.¹ **Amen.**

Psalm

(Additional readings/poem)

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Silence

Silent and spoken reflections

Easter Affirmation

Oh God, Holy Trinity in perfect community,

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery

**Your word the only voice we hear
that still small voice that leads us
to the place where we should be
Your presence is the only company we need
as we walk this road and know you in broken hearts and broken bread
Your fellowship the warmth we crave to help us on our way
May the truth of Easter
The joy of Easter
And the blessings of Easter
Be with us this day and all days. Amen²**

**Our prayers
Our Father**

Sending

Go forth with renewed hope,
Trusting in the transforming love of God.

**God does not leave things as they are;
With God, all things are made new.**

All creation responds to God's presence;
The world is alive with possibility.

**We open ourselves to this truth;
With Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.**

Nothing is beyond the reach of God;
Neither evil, nor loneliness, nor oppression nor death.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!³

Let us bless the lord
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Bell x3

² John Birch [alt]

³ Jeanyne Slettom