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Hymn—373 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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First Lesson—**Isaiah 42:14-21** EHV

Darkness will be turned to light

¹⁴I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. Like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. ¹⁶I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the promises I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. ¹⁷They will be turned back and be completely disgraced— those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, “You are our gods. ¹⁸You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so you can see! ¹⁹Who is so blind as my servant or so deaf as my messenger whom I sent? Who is so blind as my covenant partner and so blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰You see many things, but you do not observe. He opens his ears, but he does not hear. ²¹Because of his righteousness the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 143 (p. 118)

Second Lesson—**Ephesians 5:8-14** EHV

We are children of light

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. ¹⁰Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Gospel— **John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39** EHV

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. ⁴ I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.” ⁶After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. ⁷ Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. ¹³They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?” There was division among them, ¹⁷so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” ³⁶“Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.” ³⁸Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

Hymn—343 “Christ Is the World’s Light”

Sermon—Ephesians 5:8-14

We Are Children of God’s Light

1. To walk in His good and true Light
2. To make visible for life the good and bad

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