

Toward a homily
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Fiddler on the Roof is a well-known beloved musical. If we listen hard, we can almost hear Tevye singing from the rooftop his toast "To Life." He notes that life can confound, bless and wound us. John the Evangelist offers us a toast to life praising the Incarnate One who became "light" in our darkness even though the darkness remained dark.

As we look at our lives:

In the commotion of family life, God comes as light. In the fears of contracted illness or death, God comes as light. In the disgrace of racism, God comes as light. In the scandal of violence, God comes as light. In our search for the future, God comes as light. When light arrives at a dark space, shadows flee, Christ, our light, shines brilliantly. Inviting us to eliminate places where shadows linger. Christ, our light, comes to dwell among us and in so doing stye to reveal gently, but insistently who each of us is and who we are together. Christ came as light both to radiate through creation and through us.

Blessed are You Who Bear the Light

Blessed are you
who bear the light
in unbearable times,
who testify
to its endurance
amid the unendurable,
who bear witness
to its persistence
when everything seems
in shadow
and grief,

Blessed are you
in whom
the light lives,
in whom
the brightness blazes—
your heart
a chapel,
an altar where
in the deepest night
can be seen
the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines

every broken thing
it finds.

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