

*We light a light
In the name of God the creator of life
In the name of Jesus the lover of life
In the name of the Spirit the fire of life*

Reflective Music – [Give Me Jesus by Solveig Leithaug](#)



*When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him,
she knelt at his feet and said to him,
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."*

*When Jesus saw her weeping,
and the Jews who came with her also weeping,
he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
~ John 11:32-33*

*Now,
O Lord,
calm me into a quietness
that heals
and listens,
and molds my longings
and passions
my wounds
and wonderings
into a more holy
and human
shape.*

~ written by Ted Loder

... please turn over

Reflective music ~ [Let Go by Zachary Bruno](#), [Were You There by Marantha Music](#),
[When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/ Jesus Paid it All, I Surrender by Janice Faber](#),
[What Wonderous Love Is This by Eric Wyse](#)

We choose not to give in to fear:
Even when we are threatened by violence and abuse,
we choose to believe in the power of love.

We choose not to be led by despair:
Even when dreams fail and the world seems to grow colder and more broken,
we choose to believe in the power of hope.

We choose not to be blinded by cynicism:
Even when joy and celebration feel naïve and frivolous,
we choose to believe in the power of faith.

We choose not to be over-awed by death:
Even when grief shuts out all other voices,
we choose to believe in the power of life.

In every time,
in each place,
with all people,
may your resurrection rise up within us,
and lead us to new, creative, healing choices.

Amen.

~written by John van de Laar

Closing Music – [Even Unto Death by Audrey Assad](#)

Today's playlist; [Nearing the Cross Contemplative](#) by Ninabeth Metcalf can be found on Spotify

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