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Light Up

First Reading ~ Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its saltiness (its strength, its quality)? How could you restore it? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it may give light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give praise to your Heavenly Parent.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from a Prayer by Alcuin of York (735-804 AD)*

God, go with us.
Help us to be an honor to you.
Give us the grace to follow Christ's word,
to be clear in our task and careful in our speech.
Give us open hands and joyful hearts.
Let Christ be on our lips.
May our lives reflect a love of truth and compassion.
Let no one come to us and go away sad.
May we offer hope to the poor,
and solace to the disheartened.
Let us so walk before God's people,
that those who follow us might come into God's Dominion.
Let us sow living seeds, words that are alive with life,
that faith may be the harvest in people's hearts.
In word and in example let your light shine
in the night like the morning star.
Do not allow the wealth of the world or its enchantment
flatter us into silence as to your truth.
Do not permit the powerful, or judges,
or our dearest friends
to keep us from professing
what is right.
Amen.