

# JOYOUS LIGHT

## Evening Prayer

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

#### Opening Dialogue

Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.

Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.

Stay with us now; put fear to flight as eve - ning ush - ers in the night.

Warm the dark - ness with your love and light, Je - sus Christ.

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, Light of life, Light of life,

shine in your peo - ple here. Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, Light of

life, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.

#### Hymn of Light

*Refrain*

Je - sus Christ, Light of glo - ry, sa - cred Word ma

hu - man sto - ry, bless - ed Je - sus Christ, of the Fa - ther giv - en, Light to earth from

Light of heav - en: ho - ly, end - less source of life.

As we come to the set - ting of the sun, As we sing, . . . O ho - ly Three in One,

and we look to the gold of eve - ning light, and we fount of life . . . and love and fire di - vine,

We will raise our songs in praise of your glo - ry we re - joice in you with the pure voice of glad - ness

and with all the u - ni - verse u - shine. as we let your light with - in us

## Thanksgiving for Light

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.**
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom you have enlightened us  
by revealing the light that never fades.  
*Night is falling/has fallen*  
and day's allotted span draws to a close.

The daylight you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us,  
and yet, of your free gift,  
now the evening lights do not fail us.

We praise you and glorify you through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom be glory, honor, and power  
to you in the Holy Spirit,  
now and always and forever and ever.

**Amen**

## PSALM AND SONG

### Psalm 141

*Refrain*

We lift our hands in prayer like in-cense ris-ing

and of-fer our lives to you, O God.

God, we call, for you are near:  hear us and help us.  
 Touch our lips, form ev-ry word:  keep us from e-vil.  
 As we turn our gaze to you:  Light of cre-a-tion.

Parts marked  and  may be sung by leader and congregation, choir and congregation, by two groups

within the congregation, or by all.

Be now a-mong us here:  hear us and help us.  
 Un-bind our hearts, O Lord:  keep us from e-vil.  
 and live our days with you:  Light of cre-a-tion.

Be thou the lov-ing ear:  hear us and help us and all who cry.  
 Re-mind us we are re-stored:  keep us from e-vil and all its lies.  
 and burn and blaze in you:  Light of cre-a-tion, o-pen our eyes.

*Refrain*

### Psalm Prayer (after a time of silence)

- O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is worthy of all praise.  
Let our prayer rise before you as incense,  
and with the lifting up of our hands  
may we offer our whole lives to you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen**

*Additional psalms and biblical songs may be sung (see pp. 10–11, 15). Each may be followed by a time of silence for reflection that may conclude with a prayer.*

*A hymn or song appropriate to the time of day, the season, or the readings may be sung (see pp. 12–13). One of the traditional office hymns may be used.*

## WORD

### Readings

*One or more readings from the scriptures are proclaimed. Additional devotional readings may also be used. Silence for reflection may follow the readings.*

*In response to the readings, one or more of the following may be used: brief commentary; vocal or instrumental music; interpretation and reflection through visual arts or dance.*

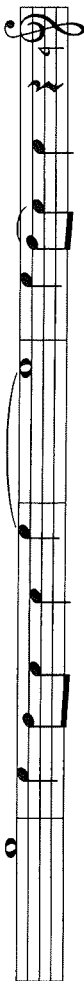
*At the conclusion, a sentence such as the following may be spoken:*

- The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.
- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

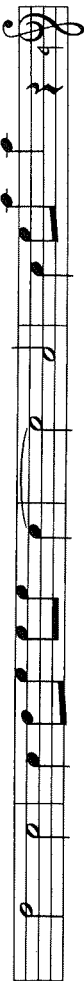
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Magnificat

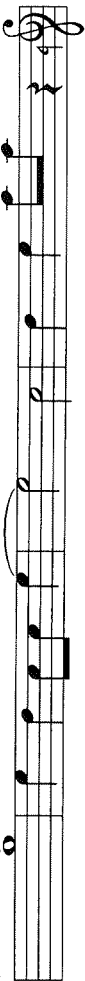
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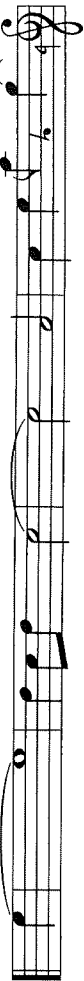
My soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God,



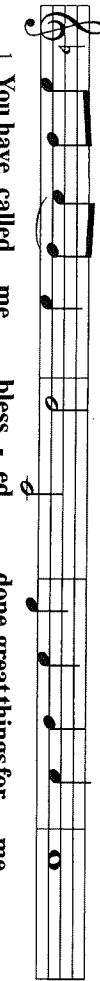
my spir-it re - joic - es in the love of my Sav - ior.



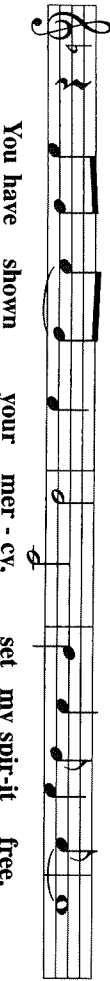
You have looked with fa - vor on my sim - ple ways,




and I will praise you all of my days.



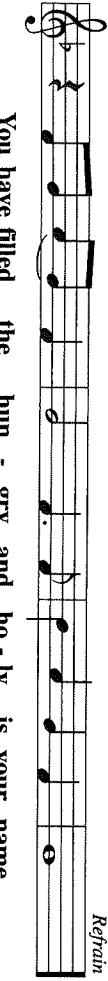
1 You have called me bless - ed, done great things for me.  
2 You have hum-bled the might - y, scat-tered earth-ly pride.



You have shown your mer - cy, set my spir-it free.  
You have strength-ened your ser-vants, kept us by your side.



You have lift - ed the low - ly, sent the rich a - way.  
You have hon-ored your prom - ise made so long a - go.



You have filled the hun - gry, and ho - ly is your name.  
You have blessed your chil - dren from age to age, and so:

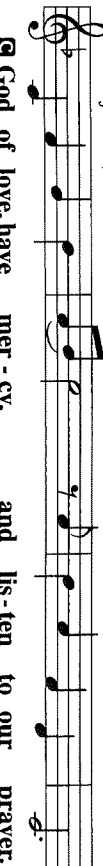
Refrain

For an alternate, see "Lord, now you let your servants," pp. 14-15.

PRAYERS AND BLESSING


Litany

Refrain




God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer.

Petitions



1 For	peace	born	of	heav - en,	and
2 For	peace	in	the	whole world,	and
3 For	all	those	who	gov - ern:	give
4 For	all	who	work	jus - tice	and
5 For	rain,	sun,	and	har - vest,	and
6 For	all	who	know	af - fic - tion,	des
7 For	all	those	who	suf - fer	in
8 For	all	our	be -	lov - ed,	our
9 Re	joic - ing	in	com -	mu - nion	with



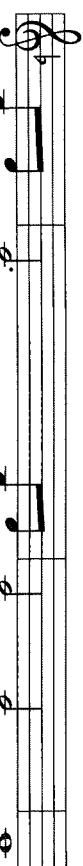
for our sal - va - tion, we pray to you, O

peace a - mong	all	peo - ples,
wis - dom and	com - pas - sion;	
free - dom	from	op - pres - sion,
food to	fill	the hun - gry,
pair,	wrath,	and dan - ger,
grief,	pain,	and sor - row,
fam - 'ly,	friends,	and neigh - bors,
saints	gone	be - fore us,

Final refrain



God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer,



God of love, hear our prayer. A - men

## Concluding Prayers

God of love, we thank you that you have kept us under your protecting care in the day that is past. Bring your healing to the wounds of this day, those we have inflicted, those we have felt, those that trouble our world.

Cover us this night with the wings of your grace, and raise us to a new day with Christ, our light and our peace.

Amen

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

OR

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

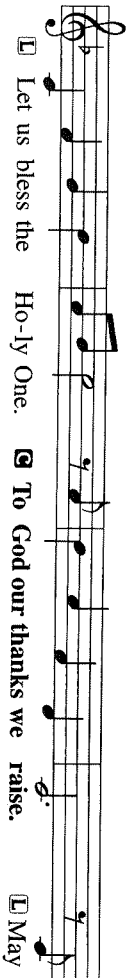
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## Blessing

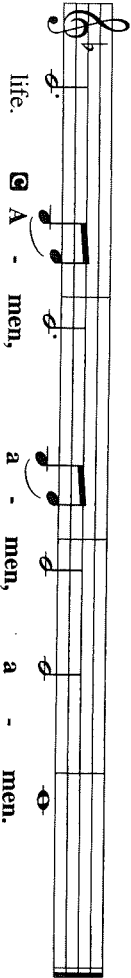
Let us bless the Ho-ly One.  To God our thanks we raise.  May



God Al-might-y bless us, guide us and de-fend us, and lead us in - to



life.  A - men, a - men, a - men.



# APPENDIX

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# You Show Us the Path of Life

Psalm 16

Refrain

You show us the path of life; in your

presence, O God, there is full-ness of joy. You show us the

path of life; at your right hand are plea-sures ev-er - more.

1 Our dai - ly feast, O God, our bless - ing cup;  
2 So it is you O God, our guide;  
3 Our hearts are glad; in spir - it we re - joice.

it is you who hold us, lift us up.  
in our hearts each night your words a - bide;  
Bod - ies rest in hope; we hear your voice.

All that we are is like a plea - sant land.  
and with you here to lead us a day by day,  
You will not leave us lone - ly in the grave.

All that is good comes from your gra - cious hand.  
7 In your hand in your hand we shall not fall a - way.  
In your hand we live; in you we shall be saved.

Refrain

# Rest in God Alone

Psalm 62

Refrain

Rest in God a - lone, my soul; oh, rest in

God, my soul. Rest in God a

lone, my soul; oh, rest in God, my soul.

1 On - ly in God is my soul at rest.  
2 On - ly in God be at rest, my soul;  
3 God is my safe - ty and God my glo - ry.

God comes my sal - va - tion.  
God comes hope for each day.  
is the source of my strength.

on - ly is my rock, my strong - hold.  
on - ly is my rock, my strong - hold.  
God in ev - 'ry time, O peo - ple;

I shall not be dis - turbed.  
the love for ev - 'ry way.  
pour out your hearts to God.

# Open Our Lives to the Word

1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor-ship this night  
 2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor-rows we share  
 3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring

fill up our hearts and give us new sight. May our prayers, may our  
 fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our tears, may our  
 fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we serve, may we

praise give us light for our days, and o-pen our lives to the Word.  
 fears be ac-cept-ed right here, and o-pen our lives to the Word.  
 dance, may we all take that chance; and o-pen our lives to the Word.

O - pen our our lives lives to the the liv - ing Word.  
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O - pen our our hearts hearts to to the the truth we have heard.  
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# Holy One, in You Alone

*Refrain*  
 We do not call this world our own, yet we will make this earth our

home; Ho-ly One, in you a-lone.

1 We do not claim this liv-ing word  
 2 We do not claim this love of ours  
 3 We do not claim these seeds we sow  
 4 We do not claim our prayers for change

that we have heard is ours a-lone to give:  
 can tame the pow'rs that lead our world to sin:  
 will sprout and grow from our own hope-ful hands:  
 can re-ar-range this world by our own will:

We on-ly know we have a  
 We on-ly know we walk the  
 We on-ly know we are ris-en

heart road in which it lives.  
 ground on where Christ has been.  
 Christ on which it lands.  
 still.

# Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

*Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace:

your word has been ful - filled.

My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry

of your peo - ple Is - ra - el,

Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and

will be for - ev - er. A - - men,

men.

## Come unto Me

Come un - to me, all ye who la - bor,

come un - to me and I will give you rest. For my

yoke, it is eas - y, and my bur - den, it is light.

Come un - to me and rest.