

## **An Order of Worship for the Evening**

*The people enter and hold silence.*

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Presider It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*- 2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Let us pray.

**All Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The candles at the Altar are now lit.*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*

All O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*A moment of silence is held.*

**Psalm 31**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress, for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a repeat sign followed by the melody for the lyrics: "In to your hands O Fa ther I now com mend my spir it In". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "to your hand O Fa ther I now com mend my spir it In". The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.**

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;

you have taken notice of my adversities.

**You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;**

**you have set my feet in a broad place.**

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For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

### ***RESPONSE***

Blessed be the Lord for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me

when I was beset as a city under siege.

**I had said in my alarm, “I am driven far from your sight.”**

**But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.**

Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful

but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.**

### ***RESPONSE***

## **The Lesson**

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My dear family, when you find yourselves tumbling into various trials and tribulations, learn to look at it with complete joy, because you know that, when your faith is put to the test, what comes out is patience. What's more, you must let patience have its complete effect, so that you may be complete and whole, not falling short in anything. If any one of you falls short in wisdom, they should ask God for it, and it will be given them. God, after all, gives generously and ungrudgingly to all people. *Chapter 1:2-5 (The Kingdom New Testament)*

The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

## **Reflection on Prayer**

### **The Prayers**

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
Jesus Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,  
Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God  
Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
We offer our thanks and praise for your presence and power, for your glory and goodness.

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank ful, in the Lord I will re -

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 joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

7  
 voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the *fine*

For how we see your glory in all creation  
 For how you hear and respond to the hunger for hope in our world  
 For how we experience your good gifts and abundance in our lives  
 For how you invite us to join in the mission of renewing all things in Christ

*In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful ...*

For how the Good News is going forth into our neighborhoods and communities  
 For how our churches are telling of the wonderful works of God  
 For all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places  
 For all the hearts and hands who support your Church in this and every place

*In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful ...*

*The people may offer particular prayers of thanksgiving to God either silently or aloud.*

*In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful ...*

*A moment of silence is held.*

And now, we cry out to you for your mercy and grace as we consider the ways that we have failed to recognize your love and goodness, singing, Kyrie Eleison

## KYRIE

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a treble and bass staff with lyrics: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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For our blind hearts and petty spirits, that have refused to see the need of all humankind for your love *[a moment of silence is held]*

For our pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion, *[a moment of silence is held]*

For our giving into discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and for our lack of persistence and thoroughness, we pray to you:

### ***KYRIE RESPONSE***

For our ignorance, apathy, and complacency that have prevented us from spreading the Gospel, *[a moment of silence is held]*

We pray also for healing ... that you would bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted within our Diocese, *[a moment of silence is held]*

For healing from our failures in leadership, from an unwillingness to face and work through difficult issues, and from pain associated with being ignored or disregarded, we pray to you:

### ***KYRIE RESPONSE***

For healing from dishonesty in our interactions, from not walking in your light, and from the lack of accountability for poor decisions, [*a moment of silence is held*]

For healing from systemic racism, from the indifference to injustice and cruelty, and from feeling the judgment from those who are different from us, [*a moment of silence is held*]

For healing from our waste and pollution, from our lack of concern for those who come after us, and from ongoing environmental racism present in our Diocese, we pray to you:

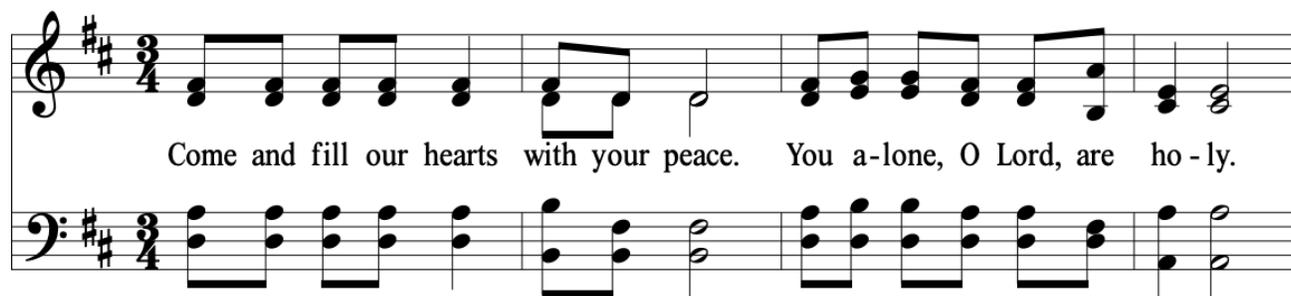
### ***KYRIE RESPONSE***

*The people may offer their own prayers for healing and repentance either silently or aloud.*

### ***KYRIE RESPONSE***

*Silence*

In light of your grace and mercy, we turn now in prayer to our hopes and yearnings, singing,



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

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For the grace to recognize and respond to your presence and activity in our midst  
that we might align our decision-making with your will, *[silence]*

For freedom from anxiety, fear, and a scarcity mindset  
that obscures our capacity to hear your voice and see you in all things,  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace...*

For freedom from human agendas and the grasping for power and control, that we might with  
open hearts and open hands be ready to receive what you desire for us, *[silence]*

For wisdom from above that is first holy, then peaceful, gentle, compliant, filled with mercy  
and good fruit, unbiased, and sincere,  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace...*

For your joy to be our strength as we look to the future, that you know the plans you have for  
us, plans to give us hope and a future,

*The people may offer their own prayers for wisdom and hope either silently or aloud*  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace...*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Presider      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

**All Almighty, everlasting God,  
let our prayer in your sight be as incense,  
the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Give us grace to behold you,  
present in your Word and Sacraments,  
and to recognize you in the lives of those around us.  
Stir up in us the flame of that love  
which burned in the heart of your Son  
as he bore his passion,  
and let it burn in us to eternal life  
and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Presider The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. *Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**