

An Order of Worship for the Evening

November 5, 2021

*You are invited to have a lamp or candle nearby.
Keep it unlit for now. We will be lighting them during the service.*

Welcome.

ZOOM WORSHIP

*Please keep your microphone muted.
Respond and sing as you're able in your space.*

OPENING WORDS

Bishop Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SHORT READING

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

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lamps and candles may now be lighted.
If convenient, you may hold your lamp or candle so it can be seen by others as we sing the Hymn for the Evening Light.*

HYMN FOR THE EVENING LIGHT *PHOS HILARON*

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
3 In all life's bril - liant, time - less mo - ments,

with ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
and lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
let faith - ful voic - es sing your praise,

pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
in eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
O Son of God, our life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One:
to Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, one God.
whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

Words: Greek hymn, 3rd cent.; paraphrased by Carl Daw, Jr. (1944 -); © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.
Music: Clement Scholefield (1839-1904).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE READING: REVELATION 21:1-17

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

Reader

We pray for the church.

May she drink deeply from living springs,
and travel the deserts with trust and hope.

God of mercy,

make us new.

We pray for the world.

May we come to live as one family,
and grow beyond the violence of war.

God of mercy,

make us new.

We pray for those who suffer.

May every sadness find you at its heart,
and may all who suffer know the presence of your grace.

God of mercy,

make us new.

We pray for the departed.

May they see you face to face,
and may we always remember them by name.

God of mercy,

make us new.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives,
and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came
that all might have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

Adapted from Susan K. Bock, *Liturgy for the Whole Church: Resources for Multigenerational Worship* (Church Publishing, 2008).

HYMN: SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Words and Music: Robert Lowry (1826 – 1899)

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ___

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God? ___
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day. ___
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown. ___
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace. ___

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop

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 EPISCOPAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

A Deacon dismisses the People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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