

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Now that the Daylight Fills the Sky | 583



1 Now that the day - light fills the sky,
2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife,
3 So we, when this new day is gone,
4 "All praise to you, Cre - a - tor Lord!



We lift our hearts to God on high
From an - gry words would shield our life,
And night in turn is draw - ing on,
All praise to you, e - ter - nal Word!



That he, in all we do or say,
From e - vil sights would turn our eyes,
With con - science by the world un - stained,
All praise to you, O Spir - it wise!"



Would keep us free from harm to - day,
And close our ears to van - i - ties.
Shall praise his name for vic - t'ry gained.
We sing as day - light fills the skies.

PLEASE STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Glory be to the Father and/ to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

Refrain

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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SR. CHOIR

Without His Cross

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴I have been silent for a long time.
I have kept still. I have restrained myself.
But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream.
I will gasp and pant.
¹⁵I will dry up mountains and hills.
I will make all their grass wither.
I will turn rivers into islands.
I will dry up pools.
¹⁶I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.
Along paths they do not know I will direct them.
Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light
and rough places into level ground.
These are the things I will accomplish for them.
I will not abandon them.
¹⁷They will be turned back and completely disgraced—
those who trust in an idol,
those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”
¹⁸You deaf ones, listen!
You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see!
¹⁹Who is as blind as my servant?
Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent?
Who is as blind as my associate,
as blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe.
Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear.
²¹Because of his own righteousness,
the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY I

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. (Re 21:23)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. ¹⁰Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴Therefore it is said, "Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY II

Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:16-17)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God's works might be revealed in connection with him. ⁴I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World."
⁶After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," Jesus told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

¹³They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight.

“He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?”

There was division among them, ¹⁷so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶“Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?”

³⁷Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.”

³⁸Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him.

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

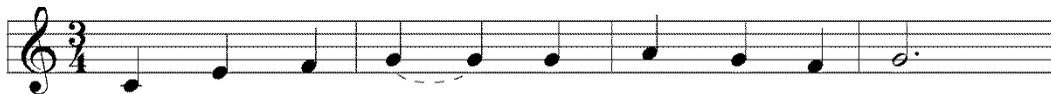
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY

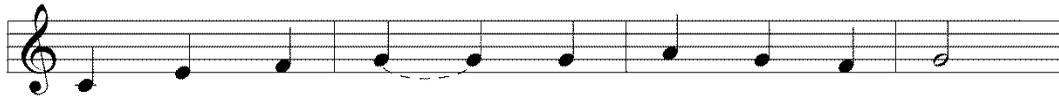
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | 771



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



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

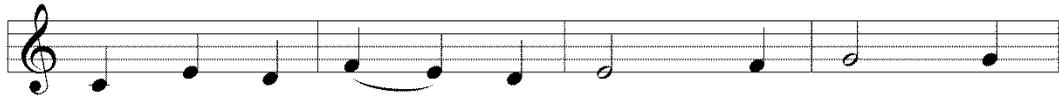


The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



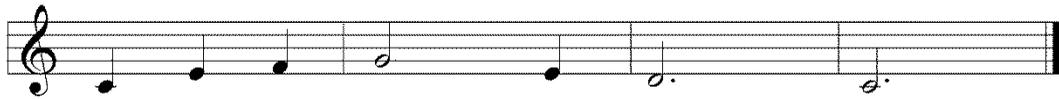
In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



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.

SERMON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Live as Children of Light

PLEASE STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

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OFFERING

Members of Peace support their Gospel work together with this offering. Our guests are not expected to participate in it.

We do ask that you fill out a "connection card" and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred

let me sow love;

where there is injury,

pardon;

where there is doubt,

faith;

where there is despair,

hope;

where there is darkness,

light;

and where there is sadness,

joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Special prayers

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

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Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing | **121**
My God Will Never Leave Me | **418**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you!

Amen.

PRAYER

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Please remain standing for the closing hymn.

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus | 103

1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From his sacred veins.

2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.

3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments
Did the world redeem.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS