

ELECTION VIGIL

prayer service

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.



In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

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OPENING

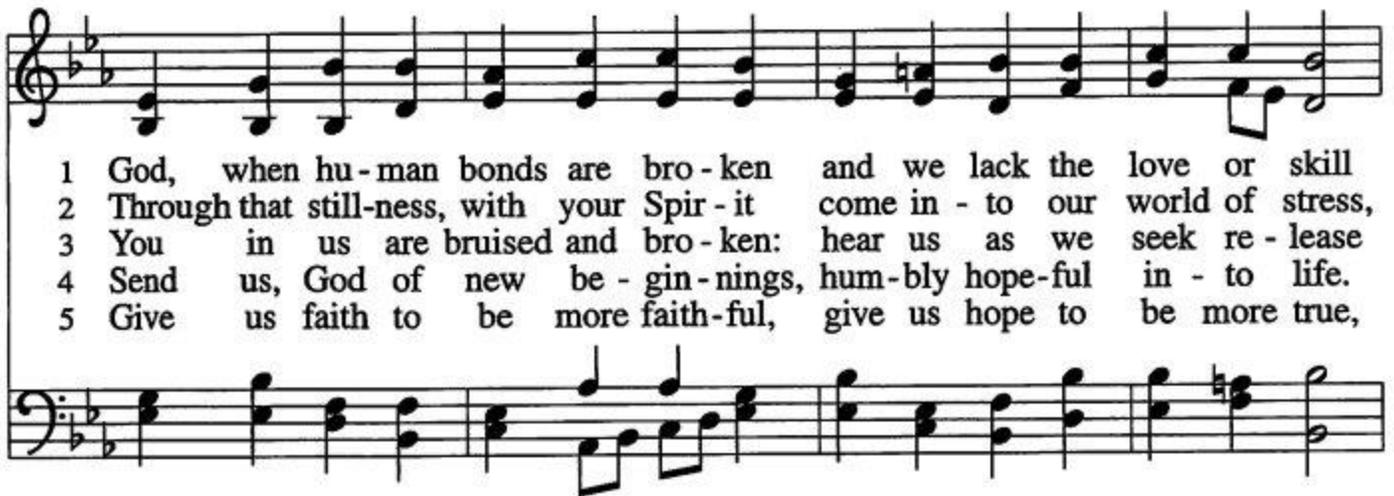
God is our light and our salvation,
our refuge and our stronghold.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

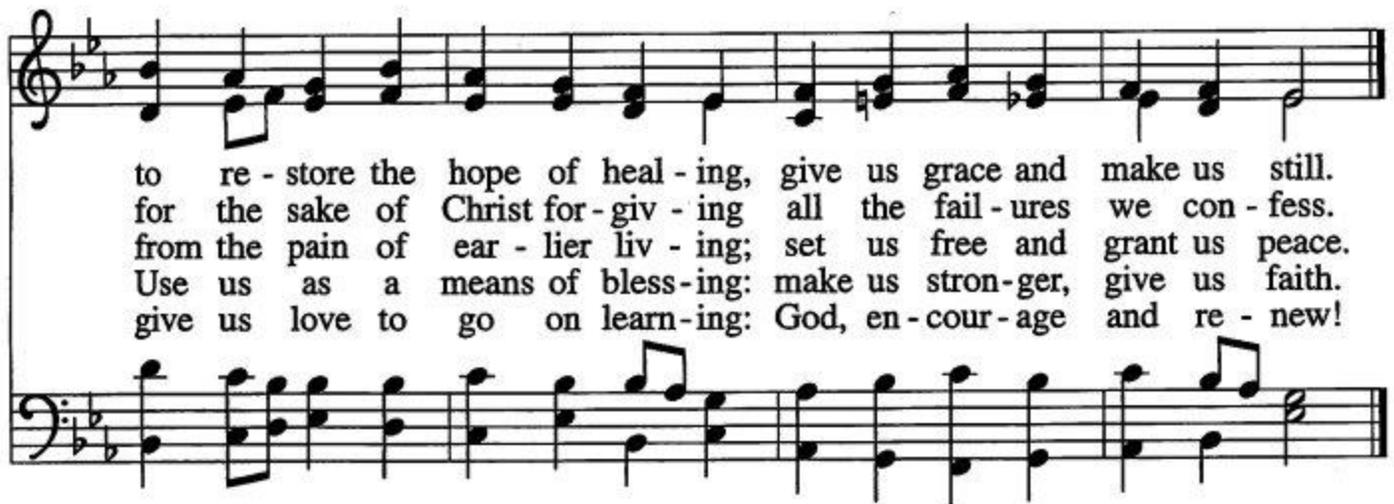
For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

HYMN of LIGHT

God, when human bonds are broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,



to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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 give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set lights in the sky to govern the night.

In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness
by the light of your Christ;
that your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path;
for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

READING

Psalm 72:1-4, 7, 12-14

A reading from the Psalms.

Give your king your justice, O God. May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy and he saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life and precious is their blood in his sight.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pause for a moment of silence.

From pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver us and every nation, O Lord, we pray. Let hatred and division give way to love and peace and when hope and courage falter, Lord let your voice be heard through the clamor. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of all nations, grant us grace to love all people of the one human race. Help us to see in every person a kindred soul, loved and redeemed by you. Give us courage to speak wherever the strong oppress the weak. Break down every wall that would divide us and take away our loveless speech and thoughtless word or deed. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

READING

Isaiah 58:6-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pause for a moment of silence.

Lord though nations rage from age to age, help us to remember who holds us and all creation fast. In mercy deliver us from each other's harmful grasp. Help us to sing of the new day that you bring, a day where your justice for all burns away tears and hope comes alive. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, teach us again, teach us anew, that goodness is stronger than evil, that love is stronger than hate, that light is stronger than darkness, and life is stronger than death. Create in us, O God, new hearts that beat in time with yours. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

READING

Jeremiah 29:5-7, 11

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pause for a moment of silence.

Gracious God let your straight plumb line define and guide our actions, that what is just, right, peaceful and true may fill this world our whole life through. Call us once more to act with justice, to love tenderly and to serve one another so that blindness and hatred will be no more. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your mighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal your strife-torn world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Holy is his name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is His name

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to us all.

And holy, holy, holy is His name
And holy, holy, holy is His name

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

**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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

This is my song



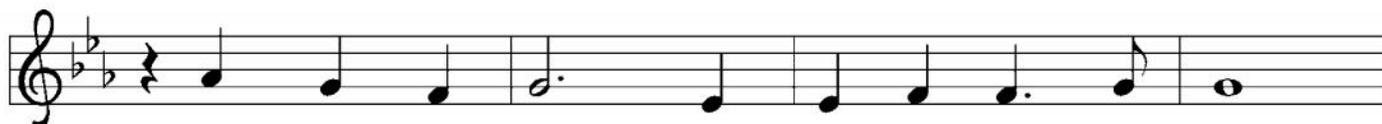
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.