

August 6, 2026



St. Columba's Evensong Candle Light Evening Prayer Circle

Céad Mìle Fàilte! Welcome!

*You are invited to light a candle and join in all of the songs,
but please remain muted except when you are reading or voicing a prayer.*



Amber:

"This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

2 Peter 1

Ann: The Holy One is in our midst.

(All) O come, let us worship.

Ann: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

Psalm 70:1, 4

(All) O God, make haste to help me!

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Let our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting
up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

(All) *O Gracious Light ~ Phos hilaron*

1. O gra - cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing
Fa - ther in heaven, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and
bless - ed! 2. Now as we come to the set - ting of the
sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per light, we sing your
prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff introduces a second verse, marked with a '2.'. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with the words 'prais - es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.'

Music setting: McNeil Robinson II, *The Hymnal 1982*

(All) *Jesus, Redeemer of the World*



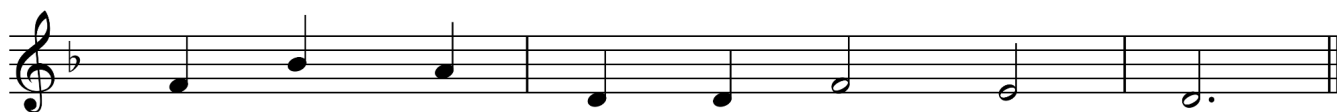
1. Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the world,
2. The whole cre - a - - tion's ar - chi - tect,
3. Lord, while we live for this short time
4. All glo - ry be to you, Lord Christ,



1. Word of the Fa - ther throned on high,
2. you set the bounds of night and day;
3. as mor - tals clothed in earth - bound frame,
4. who, con - quering death, reign glo - rious - ly



1. light from the light in - vi - si - ble,
2. give to our wea - ried bo - dies rest
3. re - fresh us now with rest - ful sleep,
4. with God, Cre - a - tor of all things,



1. and watch - ful guar - dian o - - ver all.
2. in night's en - fold - ing qui - et - - ness.
3. that wak - ing we may watch with you.
4. and with the Spi - rit, Com - for - - ter.

Words: from Latin, 10th century.
Music: *Wilderness*, Reginald S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

Meg: To you I lift my spirit,

You, who are enthroned in every heart!

For, as the young child holds tightly the hand of its parent,

As those in the throes of disease look to one who brings comfort,

So our spirits seek the Heart of Love,

that we might find mercy and forgiveness.

Have mercy on us, O Compassionate One, have mercy,

that we might turn from our blind and ignorant ways.

Too long our souls have been veiled by fear and illusion.

Have mercy, lead us to the path of wholeness,

that we may know the abiding Peace of the Beloved. **Amen.**

Psalm 123 paraphrase, Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill



Pause in silent examen:

- *1 Give thanks. Spend a few moments in gratitude for the gifts and blessings of the day.*
- *2 Ask for light. ...*
- *3 Examine the day. ...*
- *4 Seek forgiveness. ...*
- *5 Resolve to change.*

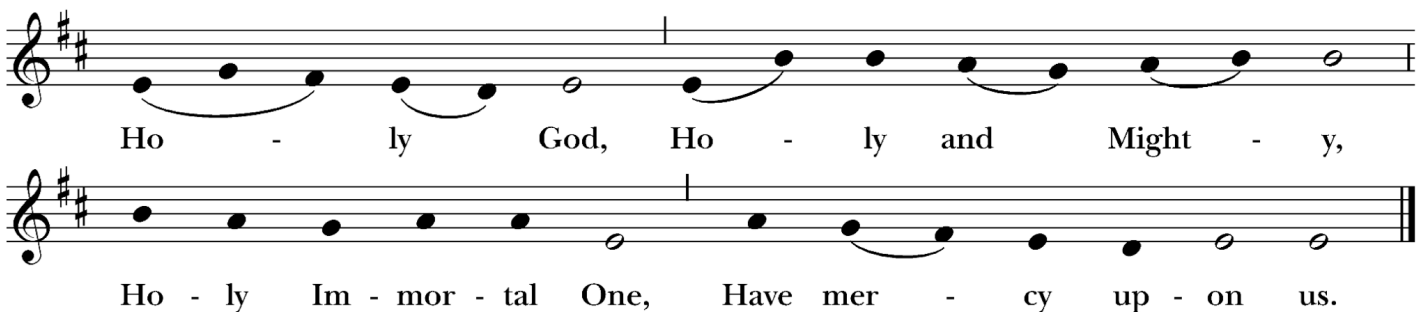
Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola

John: LORD God, we thank you for showing us your mercy today;
may that mercy extend to all those whom you entrust to our prayer;
and may it bring your peace to all people,
through Jesus Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

LORD Jesus, support the sick, the dying,
and all for whom this coming night will be a trial.
Lead us with all our brothers and sisters
from darkness into your own wonderful light,
which shines for ever and ever. **Amen.** *A Celtic Primer*

HOLY GOD (*Chant 3 times.*)

Trisagion



Setting: Plainsong, Bruce E. Ford (1947-2025). Reprint permission: RiteSong

Bev: *A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

(Isaiah 9:2-7)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in
blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward
and forevermore.

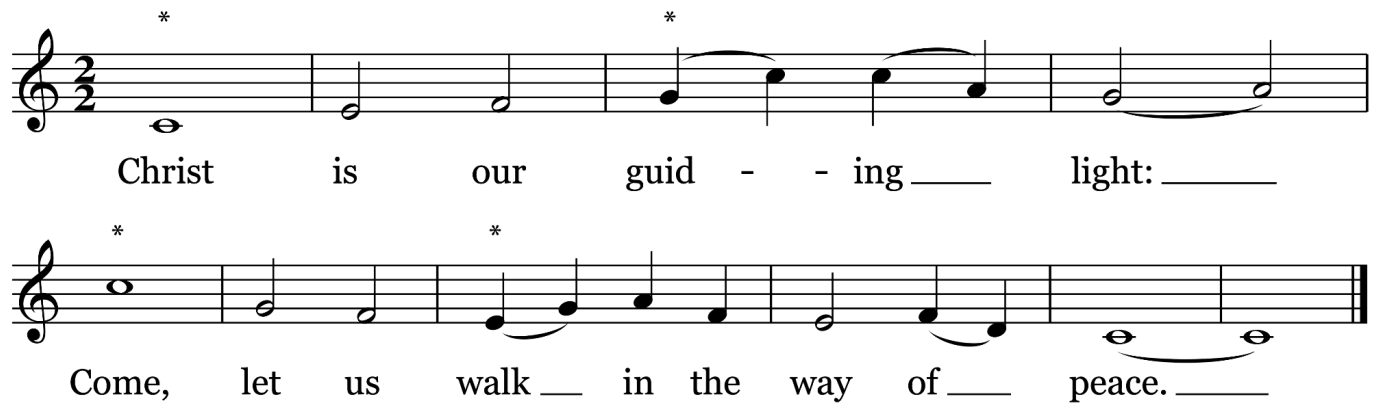
The zeal of the LORD of hosts
will do this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

(All) Thanks be to God.



(All) *Christ Is Our Guiding Light*



Eric H. F. Law, *Music by Heart*

Amber: *Transfiguration*

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope



Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
 Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
 Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are. **Amen.**

Transfiguration, Malcolm Guite, Sounding the Seasons



Pause in silence

(All) *Da Pacem Cordium*

①

Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da pa - cem cor - di - um. Da
 Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give peace to ev - 'ry heart. Give

②

pa peace, - cem. Da
 peace, Lord. Give

③

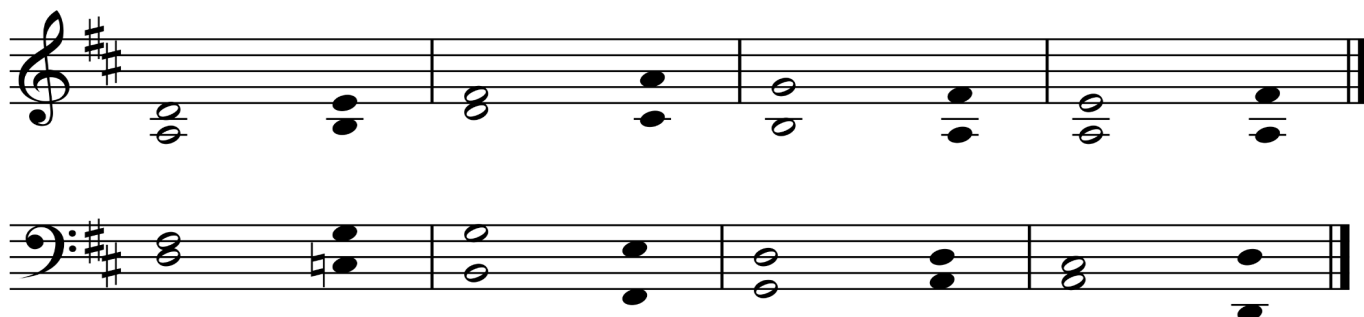
pa peace, - cem.
 peace, Lord.

Text: Taizé Community, 1991, Tune: Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)

(All) PSALM 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

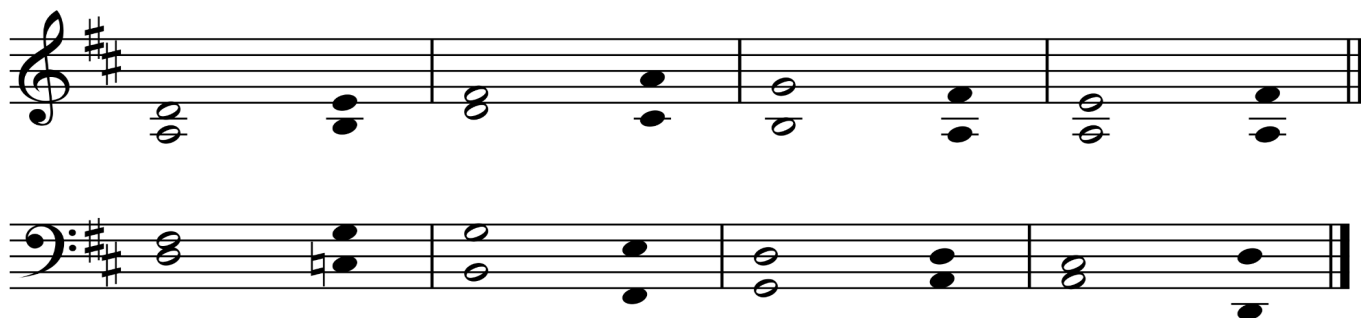


- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a/fraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and / fell.



- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I / seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD *
and to seek him in his / temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling, —
and set me high upon a / rock.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation, —
with sounds of great / gladness; *
I will sing, and make music to the / LORD.

Continue →



- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call; *
have mercy on me, and / answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my / face." *
Your face, LORD, will I / seek.
- 12 Hide not your face / from me, *
nor turn away your servant in dis/pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not a/way; *
do not forsake me, O God of my sal/vation.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the / LORD*
in the land of the / living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; —
be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart; *
wait patiently for the / LORD.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



Bill: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke (9:28-36)*

(All) *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.

(All) *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



*Silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes
in memory of George Floyd,
and all who cry out for mercy, justice, and peace;
for light and healing in our lives and for the earth.
Let us pray for our nation, and all nations:
for peace among people,
for cooperation and understanding,
for wisdom and justice in our leaders,
and for an end to greed, hatred, violence, and war.*



Ann: Let us share our own prayers and thanksgivings,
and pray for the needs of the world.

All are invited to voice your own prayers (unmuted).

Our response: *O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Ann: Now let us pray together:

Meredith (All):

Eternal Spirit,
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo throughout the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by all the people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the harm we cause one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and stress, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,
now and forever. **Amen.**

New Zealand Lord's Prayer, paraphrase by Jim Cotter

(All) *May I Walk Faithfully with You*

May I walk faith - ful - ly with you, _____

for your love is ev - er be - fore my eyes. _____

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of two lines of music. The first line has a final note with a fermata. The second line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Continue the first part until cantors move to the Alleluia.

Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - - lu - - ia, Al -

- le - - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le -

- lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - - lu -

- ia, Al - le - - - lu - - - ia, Al -

- le - - - lu - - - - ia! _____

The musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The first four lines end with notes that have a fermata. The fifth line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Red Lake Mass, Monte Mason, Francis Densmore, ad. AMCY

Meredith: Awaken me from my fears, O my Beloved,
give me strength to face them as they rise up within me.
Let your Love envelop me,
and direct my thoughts to peaceful paths.
Where I have erred in thought and spoken in anger,
where I have acted without love, I ask forgiveness.

Bill: Rouse yourself, come to my aid, heed my cry!
For you are the Compassionate One, Comforter to all who ask.
You come to those who seek You;
O Mender of broken hearts, create a new heart within me.
O my Strength, I will sing praises to You,
for You are my Rock.

Amber: At night I will rest in the Heart of the Beloved,
my days will be guided by Love.
My thoughts will become prayers offered from the Silence deep within,
for You have been my refuge in the days of my distress.
I sing my songs of love to You, for You,
O Beloved, have renewed my life;
You have set me free to live with gratitude and joy! **Amen.**

From Psalm 59, Psalms for Praying, Nan C. Merrill

Bev: Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer

John: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Meg: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

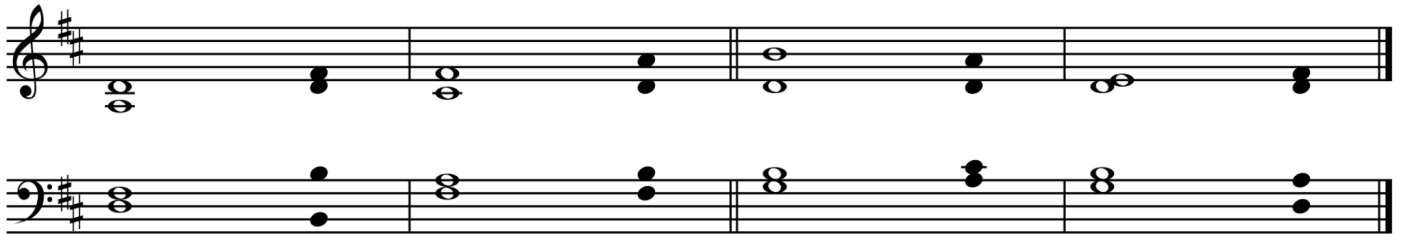
Romans 8:35, 37-39

John: Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**

Jude 1:24-25

(All) *Benediction*

Canticle 16, Benedictus: Luke 1:78-79



- 9 In the tender compassion of our /God *
the dawn from on high shall break up/on us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of /death,*
and to guide our feet into the way of /peace.

2nd half:

- 11 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy /Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A/men.

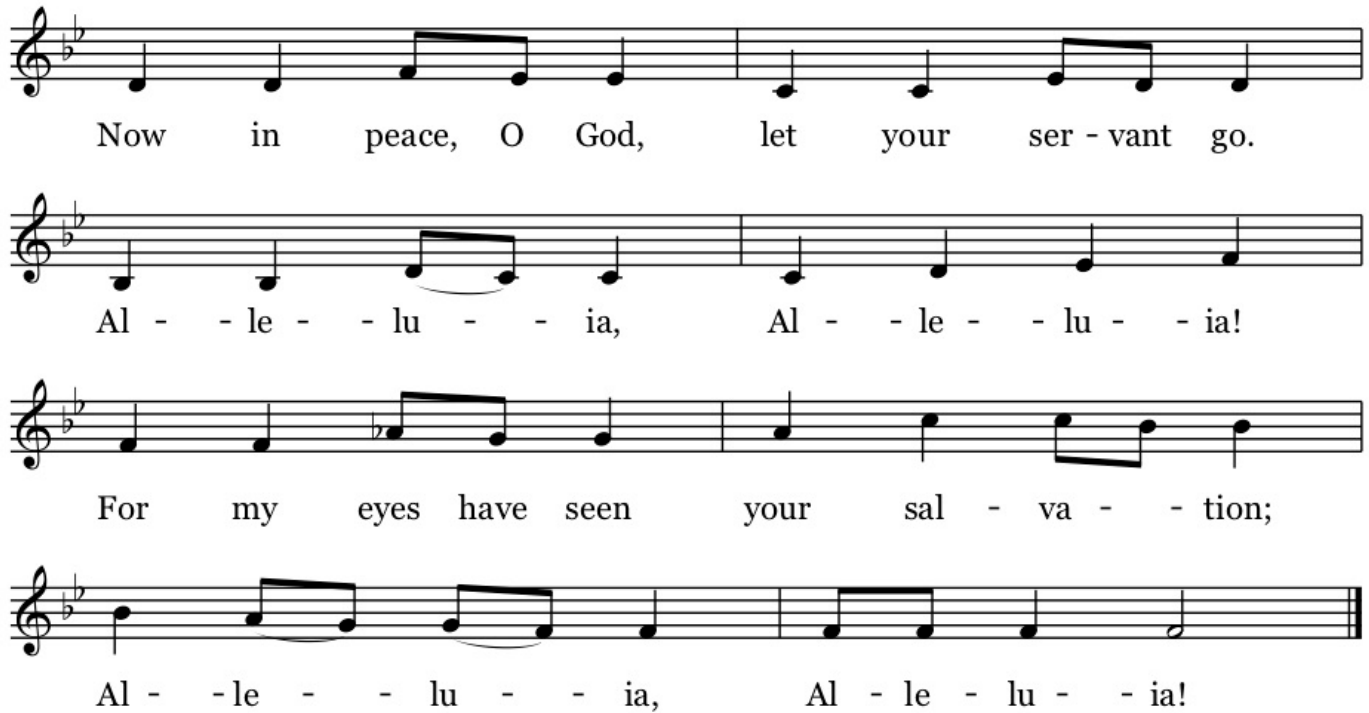
Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

Amber: O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, in your great mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

Cardinal John Henry Newman

(All) Nunc Dimittis



Suzanne Toolan

(All) Dismissal ~

*And now, may God's deep blessing abide upon us,
as we go forth in the peace of Christ,
carrying Christ's light, love, and hope into the world.*

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen!



Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!
*We will meet again next Thursday, **September 3.***



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