

Leader: Peace on each one who comes in need,
All: ***Peace on each one who comes in joy.***

Leader: Peace on each one who offers prayers,
All: ***Peace on each one who offers song.***

Leader: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,
All: ***Peace of the Spirit, the triune one.***

Psalm 134

¹ Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.

² Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Prayer

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth
and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

All: ***We give you thanks.***

Leader: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of
creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings,

All: We give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion,

All: We give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve,

All: We give you thanks.

Leader: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence.

Reading

John 6:16-27

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that

there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Sharing of the day

Prayer

Leader: We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray ----- Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

Leader: We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer ----- Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

Leader: We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight -----
Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

Leader: We bring to God, silently, someone whom we find hard to like or
forgive or trust
Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

Leader: We bring ourselves to God that we might grow in generosity of
spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.
Holy One, ***We ask your blessing.***

Hymn 25

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
And blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.

Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
Who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth
And in the highest heaven adored.

Closing responses

Leader: O Trinity of Love, You have been with us at the world's
beginning,

All: ***Be with us till the world's end.***

Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping,

All: ***Be with us at our life's end.***

Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising

All: ***Be with us till the day's end. Amen.***

*All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master.
grant that we 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,
it is in dying that we are born again
to everlasting life. Amen.*

Leader: And now may the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in believing that you overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: ***Amen.***