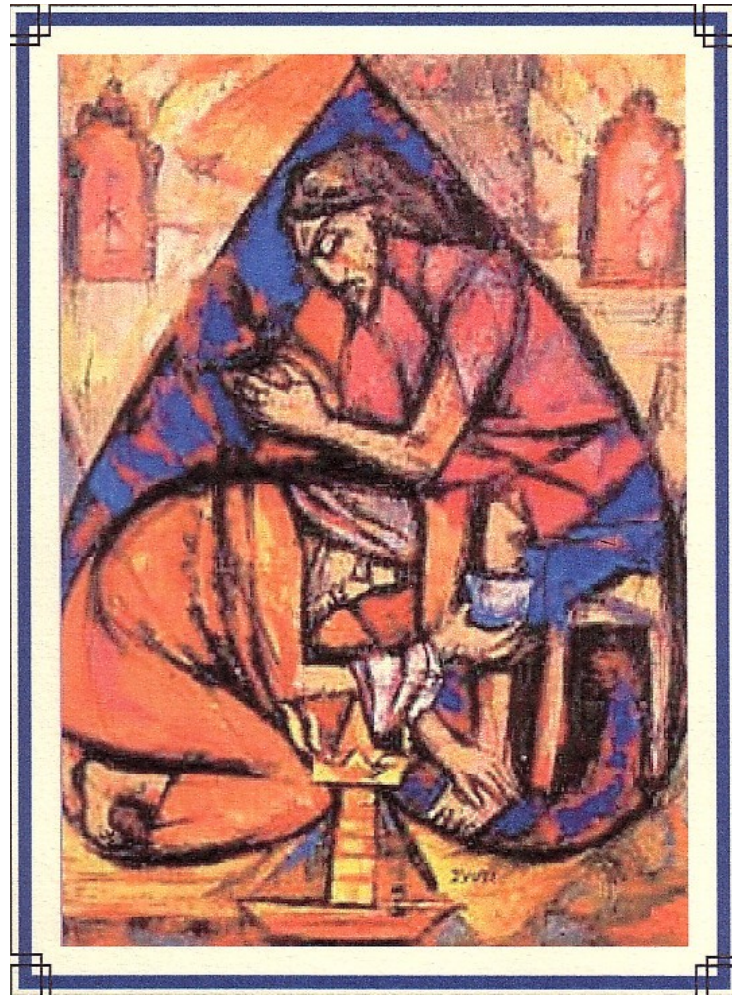


# FORMATION FOR MINISTRY CEREMONY OF BLESSING & THANKSGIVING



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**Prelude:** Litany of Saints & Witnesses

John Becker (adapted)

**Call to Worship:** Light and Peace *(please stand)*

Michael Joncas



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**Gathering Song:** Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice,  
Send down the rains of your love; Come,  
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and  
we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses

1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,  
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,  
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,  
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,  
Teach us the song of your love; Give us  
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us  
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us  
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your  
hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us  
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us  
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us  
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er

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ring with the song of your love.  
walk in the way of your peace.  
burn with the fire of your love.  
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

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## Greeting & Opening Prayer

**First Reading:** 1 John 1:1-3; 2:29-3:3; 4:16-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** To You O God

Bob Hurd

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it  
to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.  
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Verses: Cantor

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2. Good and up-right our gra - cious God, show-ing the  
3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-

1. paths, guide me. ‡ You are my Sav - ior.  
2. way, guid-ing the hum-ble to jus - tice.  
3. vere your cov - e - nant ‡ know your friend-ship.

to Refrain  
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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Sing Praise / Aleluya, Cantemos

Bobby Fisher

REFRAIN/ESTRIBILLO

A-le-lu-ya, can-te - mos, a-le-lu - ya. A-le-lu-ya, a-la-ba -  
ré al Se-ñor. Al-le-lu-ia, sing praise, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al-le-lu-ia, sing praise to the Lord.

VERSE: Cantor  
Lord Jesus, open your word to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

ESTROFA: Cantor  
Tu palabra, Señor, es la verdad;  
hacemos santos según la verdad.

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**Gospel:** Luke 24:13 – 35

**Homily:** Jack Welch, O. Carm. (*please be seated*)

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises / Sprinkling Rite** (*please stand*)

**Refrain During Sprinkling:**

You Make All Things New

David Haas



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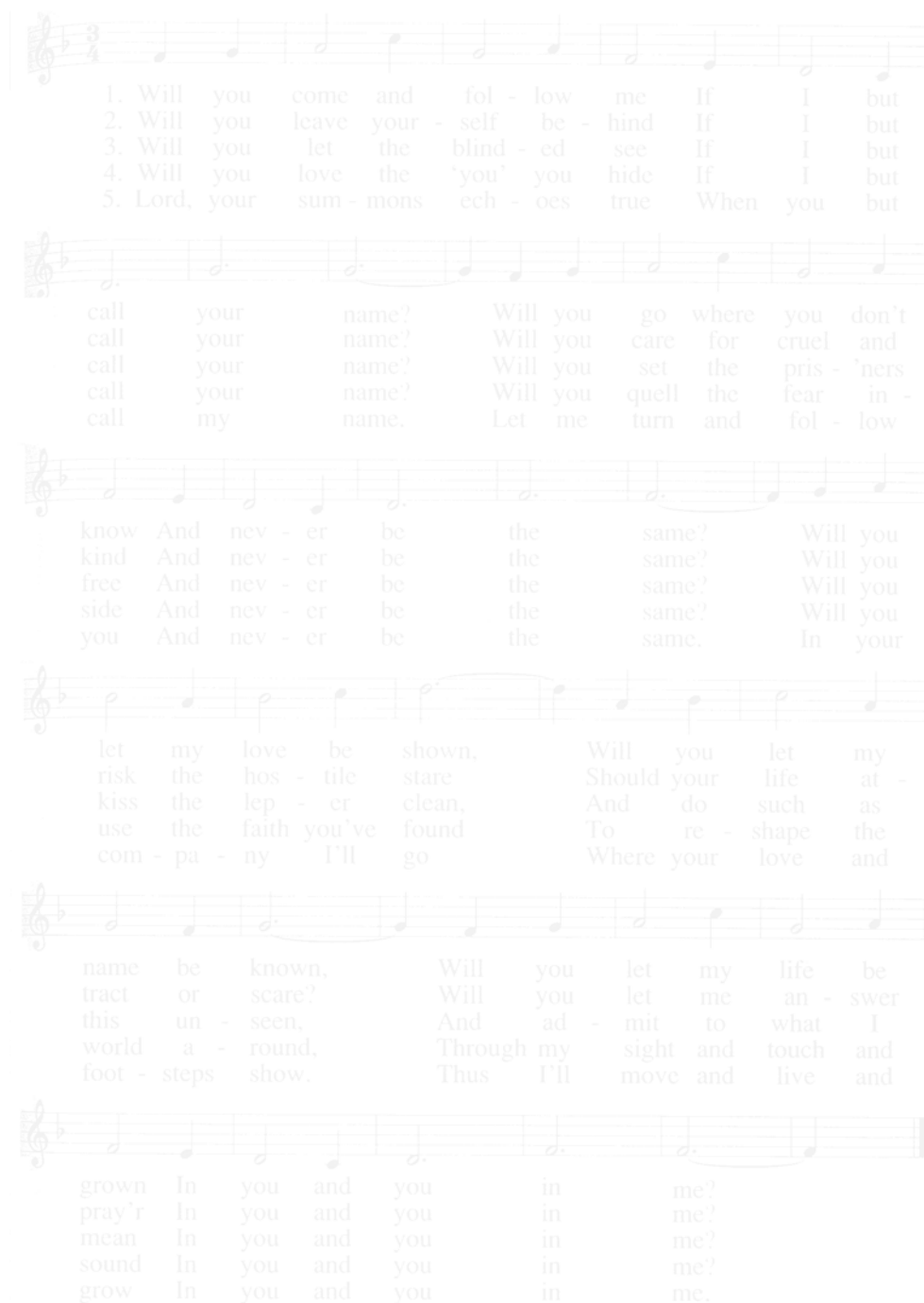
**Presentation of Graduates / Towel Ceremony** (*please be seated*)

The graduates are called forward and presented with a towel symbolizing the call to service Jesus demonstrated when he washed the feet of his disciples.



## Song During Presentation: The Summons

John Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't  
call your name? Will you care for cruel and  
call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you  
kind And nev - er be the same? Will you  
free And nev - er be the same? Will you  
side And nev - er be the same? Will you  
you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my  
risk the hos - tile stare, Should your life at -  
kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as -  
use the faith you've found To re - shape the  
com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, Through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?  
pray'r In you and you in me?  
mean In you and you in me?  
sound In you and you in me?  
grow In you and you in me.

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## Blessing of Graduates

### Sung Response:

**Amen! Cantemos aleluya! Amen! Alabaré el Señor!**

**Amen! Sing praise, alleluia! Amen! Sing praise to the Lord!**

**Acknowledgements for Graduates:** Mr. Herman Trabbic (*please be seated*)

**Prayers of the Church** (*please stand*)

**Response:** To you, God of life, we lift up our prayer.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*chanted*)

**Sign of Peace**

**Closing Prayer & Blessing**

**Sending Forth:** Over My Head

trad. African-American  
arr. John Bell

*Refrain:*

**Over my head, I hear music in the air! (3X)**  
**There must be a God somewhere!**

*Verses:*

1. Oh when the world is silent ... **I hear music in the air! (3X)**  
**There must be a God somewhere!**
2. And when I'm feelin' lonely ... **I hear music in the air! (3X)**  
**There must be a God somewhere!**
3. Now when I think on Jesus ... **I hear music in the air! (3X)**  
**There must be a God somewhere!**

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**John Goltz (guitar / bass guitar / vocal)**

**Emmanuel Anthony Kornyo (percussion)**

**Andrea Kramer (prayer leader)**

**Kevin Lutz, OSFS (piano / vocal)**

**Cristina Puig-Lugo (vocal)**

**Kelley Rourke (piano / vocal)**

**Daniel Shanahan (guitar / percussion)**

**Herm Trabbic (prayer leader)**

**Terrance Zecha (prayer leader / acolyte)**

**FORMATION FOR MINISTRY SEMESTER RETREAT**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**PRESIDER'S COPY**

**Call to Worship** (*stand and motion for all to stand before beginning*)

Presider: O God open our lips.     **All:** And we will sing your praise.

**Gathering Song: Be Thou My Vision**

Tune: SLANE  
 Arr. Rory Cooney

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true  
 3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the  
 4. Rich-es I need not, nor vain emp-ty be-  
 5. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be-

heart;  
 word;  
 fight.  
 praise.  
 fall,

Naught  
 I  
 Be  
 Thou  
 still

is  
 ev - er  
 with  
 thee,  
 and

dig - ni - ty,  
 i - tance,  
 O

save that thou art. Thou my best  
 thou with me, Lord. Thou my heart's  
 Thou my de - light. Thou my soul's  
 now and al - ways. Thou and thou's  
 Ru - ler of all. Be thou my

thought by day and by night, Wak - ing or  
 great love, and I am thine own, Thou in me  
 shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r, O raise thou me  
 on - ly, the first in my heart. High king of  
 vi - sion, O Lord of my heart. Naught is all

sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 heav - en - ward, O pow'r of my pow'r.  
 heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 else to me, save that thou art.

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(*be seated and wait for all to be seated before proceeding*)

## **Psalm 119:145-152**

Text: ICEL

Presider: Dawn finds us ready to welcome you, O God.

*(begin the part for the left side loudly and lower voice on second line when others join in)*

*Left: My heart begs you, Lord:  
hear me, so I can keep faith.  
I beg you, make me free,  
so I can live your laws.*

*Right: I face you in the cold night  
praying, waiting for your word.  
I keep watch through the night,  
repeating what you promise.*

*Left: Hear me, loving God,  
let your justice make me live.  
The wicked close in on me;  
to them your law is foreign.*

*Right: But you, Lord, are closer still,  
your law is my whole truth,  
learned when I was young,  
fixed for all time.*

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*(presider only stands)*

### **Psalm prayer**

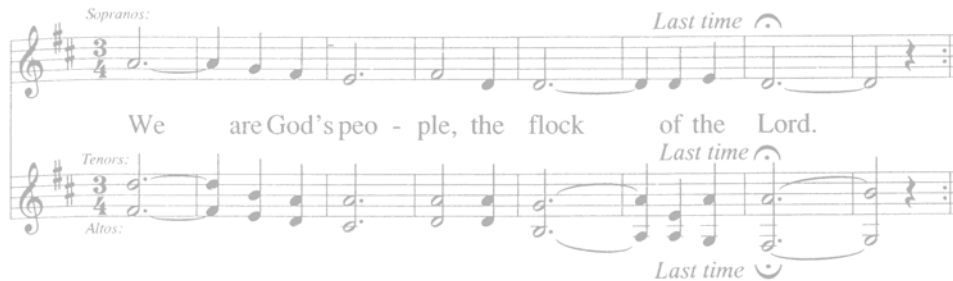
Presider: God of this new day and of all our days, you sustain us with your strength and the power of your love. Strengthen us in our faith. Renew our hope. Transform our hearts so that we see Christ in all those we meet. Help us to live the promise of your reign so that your love, justice and mercy touch the lives of all those we love and even those whom we find it hard to love.

*(presider sits)*

## ***Psalm 100: We Are God's People***

David Haas

Presider: Let us go into God's presence singing for joy.



Verses

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands, all you lands.  
Serve the Lord now with gladness, come before God singing for joy!
2. Know that the Lord is God! Know that the Lord is God,  
who made us, to God we belong, God's people, the sheep of the flock!
3. Go, now within the gates giving thanks, giving thanks.  
Enter the courts singing praise, give thanks and bless God's name!
4. Indeed, how good is the Lord, whose mercy endures for ever,  
for the Lord is faithful, is faithful from age to age!

## ***Psalm prayer***

*(presider stands)*

Presider: We have poured out our hearts to you in song, O Shepherd-God, and we cry out with joy for the mercy you have shown to us through Jesus your Son. May we always be grateful for your generous gifts to us and proclaim your faithfulness and truth.

*(presider sits)*

### ***Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11***

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the  
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of  
Jesus our Lord.

God's power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the  
knowledge of the One who called us through glory and goodness. Thus God has given  
us, through these things many precious and very great promises, so that through them  
you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may  
become participants of the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every  
effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and  
knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with  
godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if  
these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being  
ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who  
lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins.  
Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election,  
for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

The word of the Lord.

### ***Silent Meditation***

### ***Responsory***

Presider: Your love is round about me; in you I find my life.

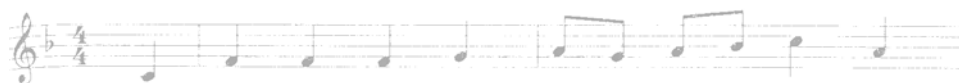
**All: Your love is round about me; in you I find my life.**

Presider: Forever I will sing your praise

**All: In you I find my life.**

## **Canticle of Zachary** (*presider stands and motions for all to stand*)

Presider: Everlasting your love, O God! From age to age your covenant stands firm.



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who  
2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God  
3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send The



comes in love and pow'r, Who rais - es from the  
res - cues us from fear, That we might serve in  
day - spring from on high, Our ris - ing sun, the



roy - al house De - liv - 'rance in this hour. Through  
ho - li - ness And peace from year to year; And  
light of life For those who sit and sigh. God



ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn To  
you, my child, shall go be - fore To  
comes to guide our way to peace. That



free us from a - larm, To save us from the  
preach, to proph - e - sy, That all may know the  
death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the



heav - y hand Of all who wish us harm.  
ten - der love, The grace of God most high.  
Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

## ***Prayers of the Church***

Presider: In confidence, we come before God with our prayers and needs this day.  
O God, your son Jesus prayed that we all may be one,  
help us to love one another as you love us, we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: All of creation cries out for healing,  
make us instruments of your peace, we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: You are the Center of all that is,  
teach us to listen to your life within us, we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: Many do not know your love and care for us,  
let our lives bear witness to your unending mercy.

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: You call us to live in freedom and happiness,  
give hope and peace of heart to all in prison or bondage of any kind,  
we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

*(Presider may include other needs here, following the same format)*

Presider: God, you have gifted us with relationships.  
On this day when we celebrate the love in our lives,  
we give thanks for those who have sustained us on our journey of life,  
especially those whose names we speak ...  
we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: You are our source and our final destiny.  
We now remember in love who have returned to you in death,  
especially those whose names we speak ...  
we pray:

**All: Share with us the treasure of your love, O God.**

Presider: Joining these prayers, and all those in our hearts with the prayers of all the Church this day, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

***Our Father (chanted)***

***Closing Prayer***

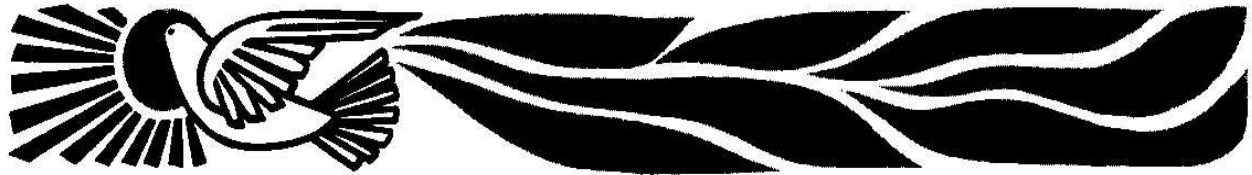
Presider: You give and sustain our lives, O God, and in you we find our refuge.  
May all those we encounter in our ministries find a place of refuge and safety in our own hearts. May all those who seek you find you in the living word among us.  
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and celebrates life with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

*(presider goes to center aisle; bows to altar and exits down center aisle – no final song)*



Prelude: We Will Sing Our Song to God

Francis Patrick O'Brien



1. ♫ Who is my ser - vant, where is she? — My light to the  
2. Who an - swers to slan - der with si - lence, — and ven - geance re -  
3. Who sing of my love in their liv - ing? — Whose days are a  
4. Who stand in the storm like a bea - con — with hope for the  
5. Who choos - ing the way I will show them — will trust that I

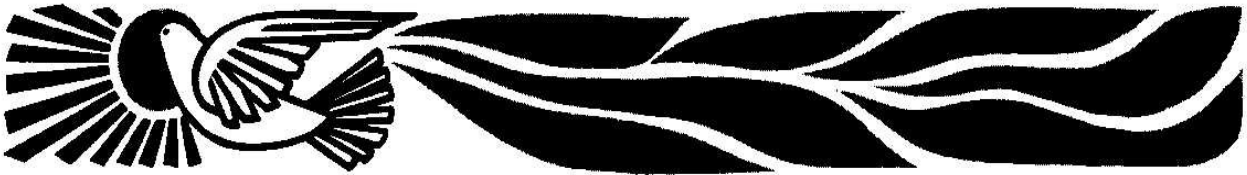


1. na - tions, where is he — in pris - on and pal - ace my  
2. turns not for vio - lence? — Who shouts to the dark - ness in  
3. prayer of thanks - giv - ing? — Who seek not the glam - our of  
4. rav - aged and weak - ened? — Whose pres - ence is heal - ing for  
5. care for my cho - sen? — Where is the spouse who is



1. gos - pel who told, and liv - ing, my gos - pel be - came?  
2. peo - ple grown cold a word that shall set them a - flame?  
3. glo - ry and gold, for I am their for - tune and fame?  
4. young and for old, to friend and to strang - er the same?  
5. faith - ful to one, and thus to the chil - dren pro - claims:

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5."This, my be-loved, is my daugh-ter, my son. His

to Verses 2-4 | 4

1-3. Christ is her name. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. name is Christ is her name. \_\_\_\_\_

to Verse 5 | Final

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. name is Christ. Christ is her name."

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Greeting & Opening Prayer

Psalm 8: You Are Child *(please be seated)* Cyprian Consiglio

Presider: How many and marvelous you works, O God! In wisdom you have made them all!

You are child of the universe,  
you are no less than the trees and the stars.  
You are child of the Lord of the light,  
be still and know I am God. You are child.

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Psalm prayer



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Psalm prayer



Psalm 25: To You O God

Bob Hurd

Presider: Teach us how to live, O Lord, show us the way. Lead us toward your truth, you, O saving God, you, our constant hope!

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it



to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.



To you I lift up my soul. To you I lift up my soul.

Verses:



1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your



2. Good and up-right our gra-cious God, show-ing the



3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-



1. paths, guide me. You are my Sav-ior.



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Psalm prayer

Reading: 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2

Homily

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Responsory: Servant Song

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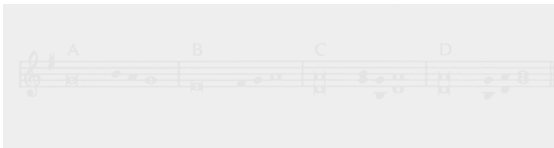
Jesus, Jesus you are the Lord. Jesus, Jesus you are the way.

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Canticle of Zechariah *(please stand)*

Text & Tone: ICEL

Presider: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just, forever true and sure!



All\*: Praise the Lord, the **God** of Israel, who shepherds the people and **sets** them free.

Left: God raises from David’s house a child with **power** to save. Through the holy prophets God promised in **ages** past to save us from **enemy** hands, from the grip of **all** who hate us.

Right: The Lord favored our ancestors recalling the **sacred** covenant, the pledge to our **ancestor** Abraham, to free us **from** our enemies, so we might worship without fear and be holy and just **all** our days.

Left: And you, child, will be called Prophet of **the** Most High, for you will come to prepare a pathway **for** the Lord by teaching the people **ple** salvation through forgiveness **of** their sin.

Right: Out of God’s **deepest** mercy a dawn will come **from** on high, light for those **shadowed** by death, a guide for our feet on the **way** to peace.

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*\* Note: The first and last strophe follow the notation for sections A & D of the chant **only**.*

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Intercessions / The Lord’s Prayer / Sign of Peace  
Closing Prayer / Blessing

Sending Forth: Over My Head

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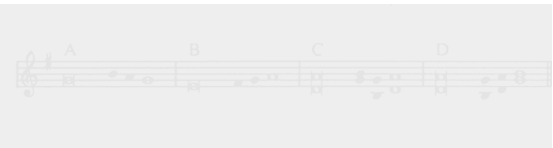
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Right: Out of God’s **deepest** mercy a dawn will come **from** on high, light for those **shadowed** by death, a guide for our feet on the **way** to peace.

All\*: Praise the Lord, the **God** of Israel, who shepherds the people and **sets** them free.

*\* Note: The first and last strophe follow the notation for sections A & D of the chant **only**.*

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Intercessions / The Lord’s Prayer / Sign of Peace  
Closing Prayer / Blessing

Sending Forth: Over My Head

African-American spiritual; arr. John Bell

Over my head, I hear music in the air! (3X)

There must be a God somewhere!