

OPENING SONG

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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GREETING

PRIEST: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ALL: AMEN.

PRIEST: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

ALL: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

INTRODUCTION

PRIEST: WE GATHER TO REFLECT ON OUR SINFULNESS.

LET US ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE PRESENT TO US AND TO
HELP US MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION.

COLLECT

PRIEST: LET US PRAY.

GOD OUR FATHER, NO SECRET IS HIDDEN FROM YOU,
FOR EVERY HEART IS OPEN TO YOU AND EVERY WISH IS KNOWN.

FILL OUR HEARTS WITH THE LIGHT OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
TO FREE OUR THOUGHTS FROM SIN, THAT WE MAY PERFECTLY LOVE YOU
AND FITTINGLY PRAISE YOU.

GRANT THIS THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD.

ALL: AMEN

FIRST READING – EPHESIANS 5: 1-2, 8-10

FOLLOWING THE READING

READER: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Refrain



The Lord comes to the earth to

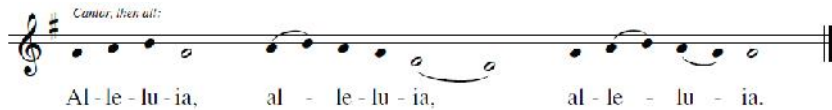


rule the earth with jus-tice. The Lord comes to the



earth to rule the earth with jus-tice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PLEASE STAND)



GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 3: 1 - 12

DEACON: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

ALL: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

DEACON: A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

FOLLOWING THE READING

DEACON: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

HOMILY

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. HAVE WE BUILT A BETTER WORLD AT HOME?
2. HAVE WE BUILT A BETTER WORLD AT SCHOOL AND AT WORK?
3. HAVE WE BUILT A BETTER WORLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?
4. HAVE WE BUILT OUR LIVES UPON A TRUE LOVE OF GOD?

READER: AS WE RECOGNIZE OUR SINFULNESS, GOD,
WE ASK YOU TO BRING US BACK TO YOU.

AFTER EACH PETITION, PLEASE RESPOND: LORD, FORGIVE US.

ACT OF CONTRITION

ALL: O MY GOD, I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR HAVING OFFENDED YOU, AND I
DETEST ALL MY SINS, BECAUSE OF YOUR JUST PUNISHMENTS, BUT MOST OF
ALL BECAUSE THEY OFFEND YOU, MY GOD, WHO ARE ALL-GOOD AND
DESERVING OF ALL MY LOVE. I FIRMLY RESOLVE, WITH THE HELP OF YOUR
GRACE, TO SIN NO MORE AND TO AVOID THE NEAR OCCASION OF SIN.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

*FOLLOWING CONFESSION, WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN TO THE PEW
FOR A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO LEAVE THE CHURCH,
PLEASE RESPECT THE PRAYER OF OTHERS AS YOU DEPART IN SILENCE. PLEASE USE THE
SIDE DOORS, AS THE GATHERING SPACE AND THE PARISH HALL WILL BE IN USE.*

ADVENT PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE INCLUDING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE



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