



A Hopeful Future for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh: An Alternative Solution

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❖ An Order of Service for Noonday ❖

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

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. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
 - 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
 - 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 - 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 - 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 - 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
 - 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
 - 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 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. Amen.

A Reading

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-18

People Thanks be to God.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

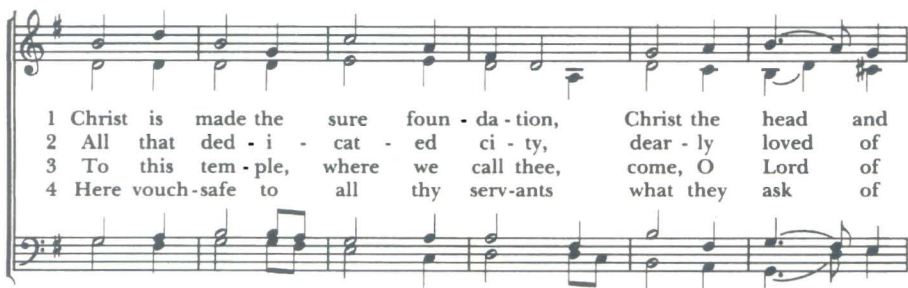
The Officiant then says the following Collects.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

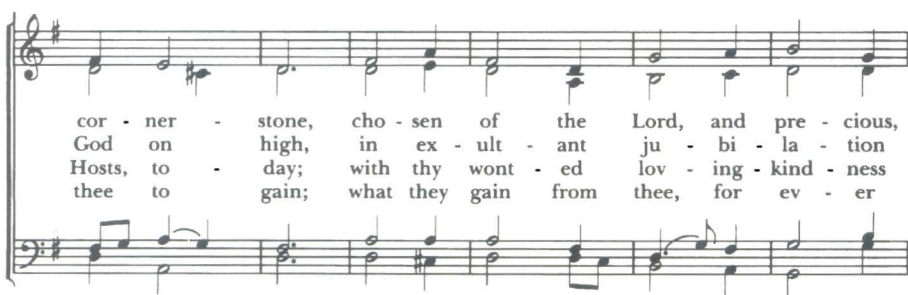
Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Free intercessions may be offered.

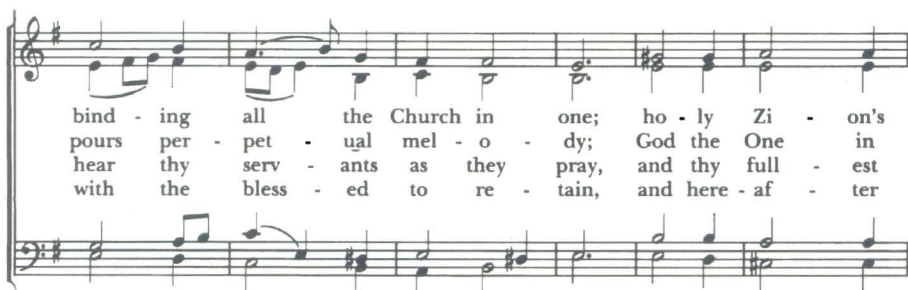
Hymn: "Christ is made the sure foundation"



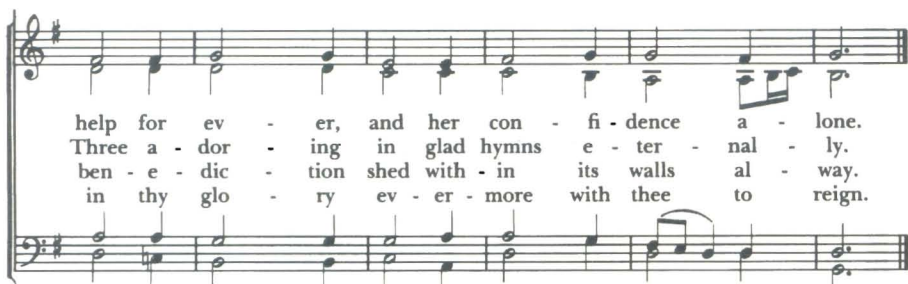
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch-safe to all thy serv-ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The service concludes as follows

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

❖ At the Close of Day ❖

Psalm 134

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

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

A Reading

Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name:
Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

—Jeremiah 14:9, 22

The following may be said

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of
thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy;
let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your
blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us
and keep us. Amen.

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

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“Lift High the Cross”

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim




till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.




till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.




1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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