

*Invitation* | Welcome

O God, make speed to save us;  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
 the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
 shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Song* | How long will You turn Your face away?  
 How long? Do You hear us when we pray?  
 On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way  
 How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?  
 How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?  
 We go on holding to Your promises. How long?

*chorus:*  
 'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye  
 'Til we see our home descending from the sky  
 Do we wait in vain?  
 Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?  
 How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?  
 How we groan 'til You snatch us from the  
 thorns. How long? / *chorus*

*Reading* | Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
 he leads me beside quiet waters,  
 3 he refreshes my soul.  
 He guides me along the right paths  
 for his name's sake.  
 4 Even though I walk  
 through the darkest valley,  
 I will fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.  
 5 You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow  
 me all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
 forever

*Prayers of the People* | Drive Out The Darkness

*chorus:*  
 Come, O Come be our light  
 Drive out the darkness  
 Come, Jesus, Come / *prayer / chorus*

Every weapon made for war  
 Every gun and every sword  
 Will be melted in the flame  
 To be used for gardening / *chorus*

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*Reading* | Matthew 11:28-30

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer* | Let's pray together in the words Jesus taught us:

**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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and  
the glory  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Song* | We are the vineyard you have planted

Tend our leaves and wild branches  
We abide, we abide in you

Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Look on us with grace and favor  
We abide, we abide in you

Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from you we bear no fruit.  
Come plant my feet down by the river  
We abide, we abide in you

*Song* | The Lord is my light  
My light and salvation  
In God, I trust  
In God, I trust

*Closing Prayer* | Most holy God,  
the source of all good desires, all right  
judgments, and all just works: Give to us,  
Your servants, that peace which the world  
cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed  
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