

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS SERVICE

OPENING MUSIC Bless the Lord, My Soul

Jacques Berthier

Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

(Congregation will sing through four times.)

OPENING SENTENCES:

One does not live by bread alone
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts!
 See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 139

Hal H. Hopson

Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

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(Congregation will sing refrain as directed.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

DUET Sancto, Sancto, Sancto

Argentine folk tune
arr. Mary Kay Parrish

Holy, holy, holy; my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: Holy is the Lord.
Lord God, almighty, who was and is and is to come.
O holy, holy is the Lord our God; holy is God's name.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O God,
The lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

(Prayer continues...)

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING MUSIC Day Is Done

Welsh Melody
Ar hyd y nos

(Music may be found in blue Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 544, stanza 1.)

Day is done, but love unfailing dwells ever here.
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms every fear.
God our maker, none forsaking, take our hearts, of love's own making;
Watch our sleeping; guard our waking. Be always near.

THE BENEDICTION:

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)

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