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## Friday Opening Worship

The people stand and sing: *The Summons* (tune *Kelingrove*).

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and love and grow  
In you and you in me.

**The Officiant then says**

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled  
against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his  
laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9,10*

**The Assembly is seated. Psalm 95 is prayed responsively antiphonally by whole verse.**

Come, let us sing to the LORD, \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.

So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

*All say together*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

*The assigned Reader then reads Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 (New Revised Standard Version)*

A Reading from Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will

you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*         Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*         And also with you.

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

**The people stand and pray together**

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  
        who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

**Officiant**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor. Guide us to perceive what is right; and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

**The People offer their prayers. The Officiant then says**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

*Officiant*     Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Lenten Council Eucharist

*The text for this liturgy is located in a separate document.*

### Friday Closing Worship

*The Assembly stands. The Officiant then says*

Night after night, I have set the Lord always before me.

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen

*The Bishop then says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*The Assembly remains standing as the assigned reader then says*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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

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*People*        Thanks be to God.

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*People*        And also with you.  
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**The people stand and pray**

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Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those  
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And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

**The Officiant and People then chant**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before  
the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

*The Officiant chants the following prayers and closing*

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 on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## Saturday Opening Worship

*The Assembly stands.*

*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 forever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

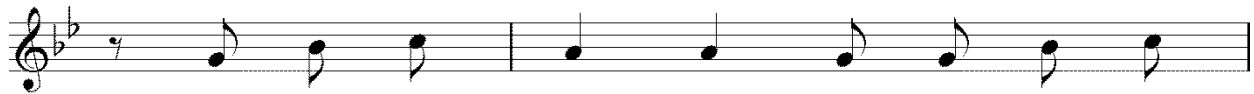
*The people sing Hymn 696: By gracious powers (text written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer before his martyrdom at the hands of the Nazis in 1945; tune *Le Cénacle*).*

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
 still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
 O give our frightened souls the sure salvation,  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
 with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
 we take it thankfully and without trembling,  
 out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us  
 the joy we had, the brightness of your Sun,  
 we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
 and our whole life shall then be yours alone.



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The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 30:1-6 in unison

I will exalt you, O LORD,  
Because you had lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The assigned Reader then reads Ezekiel 39:21-29 (*New Revised Standard Version*).

A Reading from Ezekiel

I will display my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. The house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt treacherously with me. So I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. They shall forget their shame, and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they live securely in their land with no one to make them afraid, when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have displayed my holiness in the sight of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land. I will leave none of them behind; and I will never again hide my face from them, when I pour out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**The Assembly stands**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**The Officiant then says**

I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

**The People offer their prayers.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People* And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

# Saturday Closing Worship

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*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 forever. Amen.

*The people sing the Hymn 534: God is working his purpose out (tune Purpose)*

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year;  
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, wherever foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;  
give ear to me, you continents, you isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world:  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

*Officiant*    Lord, hear our prayer;

*People*        And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Bishop Haynes then offers her blessing**

*Bishop* Our help is in the name of the Lord;  
*People* The maker of heaven and earth.  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* From this time forth and for evermore.

*Bishop*

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.